

# CHINESE ASTROLOGY

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## AUTHOR'S NOTE

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## INTRODUCTION OF THE WESTERN CALENDAR INTO CHINA

In China every day of the year has its special meaning. The first Western calendar was introduced to China by Portuguese missionaries, when they came to the China during the Ming Dynasty, about six hundred years ago. From that time on, more and more Chinese converted to the Christian religion, and these days the Western Calendar system is always combined with the Chinese one, in China. When you buy a calendar in China today, you will always find the two calendar systems side by side. The calendar system you find together with this book, is an expanded version of the Chinese astrological calendar. Dr. Henning Hai Lee Yang must be the

first person who has managed to translate the Chinese astrological calendar system into English and put it side by side to the Western calendar system. This Chinese astrological system is a must if you want to compile a Chinese horoscope or make a Feng Shui analysis. The astrological values of the Chinese calendar are taken care of at the same time, as it is very important to find out your eight astrological values - the Ba (eight) Zi (astrological value).

## INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE ASTROLOGICAL ANIMAL SIGNS

The Chinese calendar is based on the movement of the Moon in relation to the Earth. It is the oldest system of chronological documentation in the world, dating back to the days of the Yellow Emperor, Huang Ti. Although the Chinese astrological cycles were first introduced during Huang Ti's reign in 2637 BC, the identity of the person who first developed this unique system is lost in legend.

The Chinese system can seem very complicated for newcomers, although it is in essence rather simple. When explored in detail, it can provide information about the seasons, the weather, the positions of the

planets and the stars, and the fate of every individual. It even has a special date to mark the beginning of spring, usually February 4 or 5 each year. In Chinese, this is called "Lap Chun", said to be the first day that an egg can be balanced on a smooth surface without toppling over. It sounds strange, but try it with an egg for yourself- it actually works.

Ancient Chinese writings claim that the calendar system was given to us by beings from another world. Objects such as vases and household articles from China's Bronze period resemble those found in South America and it has been suggested that they have a common source. Were there links between the Chinese and the South American cultures? Could these links have been forged

by alien beings visiting the earth? Ancient Chinese writings say that the gods mingled with men and gave them wisdom. Good and evil Gods fought amongst themselves seated on 'Dragons'. These 'Dragons' spat fire at each other, and when they were struck they fell to the ground. Though none of the Dragon-like vessels bled, according to legend a brown liquid came running from them. Could this have been fuel and could the Dragons in fact have been spacecraft?

Another legend tells us how the different years in the Chinese calendar came to have their own astrological signs. Buddha summoned all the animals on earth to a competition to swim over the Heavenly River. Only twelve animals attended and after Buddha gave the sign to start they all jumped into the water. The Ox was in front of all the other animals all the way across. Just when he was about to ascend the shore on the other side, the Rat - always smart - suddenly jumped onto the

shore to be the winner. She'd been sitting on top of the Ox all the time.

So the smart Rat was first, the diligent Ox came second and the brave Tiger third. The quiet Rabbit was fourth, then the strong Dragon fifth. The wise Snake was sixth, the elegant Horse seventh, the artistic Goat eighth, the intelligent Monkey ninth, the colorful Rooster tenth, the loyal Dog eleventh and, finally, the lucky Pig brought up the rear.

These are the signs and each affects every one of us and our fates.

Months, days, hours and minutes are also divided into animal categories. Each tells us how to interpret our lives. Once you understand how it works you can use the categories to make a full Chinese astrological chart. It's much like its Western equivalent, if a little more accurate in that it takes the gender of a person into account.

The Chinese chart can be applied to countries as well. Communist China, for example, was

formed on October 1, 1949, which is the year of the Ox. True to the Ox's character, China has progressed largely through the hard work and dedication of her people. In 2008, China hosts the Olympic Games. This should come as no surprise, as it is the Year of the Rat, which is very favourable for the Ox.

On December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was bombed by Japanese planes in a surprise attack. In China there are astrological cycles every 12 years and a major cycle every 60 years. By adding 60 years to 1941, you get 2001, the year of the terrorist attacks of September 11 in America.

Many Chinese fortune-tellers will stick to the old teachings which say a person will have great difficulties in their own year. The Chinese term for this "self conflict" is "Fan Tai Shui", which means that a person has come into direct conflict with himself. Actually, according to my observations and research, Fan Tai Shui represents more

opportunities than conflicts. You simply have to be clever enough to grasp the opportunities. Revising and updating the interpretations handed down by Chinese fortune-tellers is a necessary part of astrology and leads to less alarming results!

The year of your birth gives you both your astrological sign and the element that influences you. Remember that the Chinese New Year comes after the Western. In the table that follows, you will find the corresponding dates so that you can identify your animal sign and discover the signs of your nearest and dearest.

1970:01-31,	THE RAT	METAL	YANG
1901 02.19	THE OX	METAL	YIN
1902 62.08,	THE TIGER	WATER	YANG
1903 01.28	THE RABBIT	WATER	YIN
190402.16	THE DRAGON	WOOD	YANG
1905 02.04	THE SNAKE	WOOD	YIN
1906 01.25	THE HORSE	FIRE	YANG
1907 02.13	THE GOAT	FIRE	YIN
1908 02.02	THE MONKEY	EARTH	YANG
1909 01.22	THE ROOSTER	EARTH	YIN
1910 02.ro	THE DOG	METAL	YANG
1911 01.30	THE PIG	METAL	YIN



1912	02.18	<b>THE RAT</b>	WATER	YANG
1913	02.06	<b>THE OX</b>	WATER	YIN
1914	01.26	<b>THE TIGER</b>	WOOD	YANG
1915	02.14	<b>THE RABBIT</b>	WOOD	YIN
1916	02.03	<b>THE DRAGON</b>	FIRE	YANG
1917	01.23	<b>THE SNAKE</b>	FIRE	YIN
1918	02.11	<b>THE HORSE</b>	EARTH	YANG
1919	02.01	<b>THE GOAT</b>	EARTH	YIN
1920	02.20	<b>THE MONKEY</b>	METAL	YANG
1921	02.08	<b>THE ROOSTER</b>	METAL	YIN
1922	01.28	<b>THE DOG</b>	WATER	YANG
1923	02.16	<b>THE PIG</b>	WATER	YIN

## THE CHINESE NEW YEAR CHART

1924	02.05	THE RAT	WOOD	YANG
1925	01.24	THE OX	WOOD	YIN
1926	02.13	THE TIGER	FIRE	YANG
1927	02.02	THE ROOSTER	FIRE	YIN
1928	01.23	THE DRAGON	EARTH	YANG
1929	02.10	THE SNAKE	EARTH	YIN
1930	01.30	THE HORSE	METAL	YANG
1931	02.17	THE GOAT	METAL	YIN
1932	02.06	THE MONKEY	WATER	YANG
1933	01.26	THE ROOSTER	WATER	YIN
1934	02.14	THE DOG	WOOD	YANG
1935	02.04	THE PIG	WOOD	YIN

193601.24	<b>THE RAT</b>	FIRE	YANG
1937 02.11	<b>THE Ox</b>	FIRE	YIN
1938 01.31	<b>THE TICER</b>	EARTH	YANG
1939 02.19	<b>THE RABBIT</b>	EARTH	YIN
1940 oi.08	<b>THE DRACON</b>	METAL	YANG
1941 01.27	<b>THE SNAKE</b>	METAL	YIN
1942 02.15"	<b>THE HORSE</b>	WATER	YANG
1943 (?2..05	<b>THE COAT·</b>	WATER	YIN.
1944·01.25	<b>THE MONKEY</b>	Wooo	YANG
194502.13	<b>THE ROOSTER</b>	y./OOD	YIN
1946 02.02	<b>TH E--ooc</b>	FIRE	YANG
1947 ot' 2 .	<b>· THE PIC</b>	FIRE	YIN

<b>1948</b>	02.10	<b>THE RAT</b>	EARTH	YANG	„
<b>1949</b>	01.29	<b>THE OX</b>	EARTH	YIN	
<b>1950</b>	02.17	<b>THE TIGER</b>	METAL	YANG	
<b>1951</b>	02.0	<b>THE RABBIT</b>	METAL	YIN	
<b>1952</b>	01.27	<b>THE DRAGON</b>	WATER	YANG	
<b>1953</b>	02.14	<b>THE SNAKE</b>	WATER	YIN	
<b>1954</b>	02.03	<b>THE HORSE</b>	WOOD	YANG	
<b>1955</b>	01.24	<b>THE GOAT</b>	WOOD	YIN	
<b>1956</b>	02.12	<b>THE MONKEY</b>	FIRE	YANG	
<b>1957</b>	01.31	<b>THE ROOSTER</b>	FIRE	YIN	
<b>1958</b>	02.18	<b>THE DOG</b>	EARTH	YANG	
<b>1959</b>	02.08	<b>THE PIG</b>	EARTH	YIN	

1960	<b>01.28</b>	THE RAT	METAL	YANG
1961	02.15	THE OX	METAL	YIN
1962	02.05	THE TIGER	WATER	YANG
1963	01.25	THE RABBIT	WATER	YIN
1964	02.13	THE DRAGON	WOOD	YANG
1965	02.02	THE SNAKE	WOOD	YIN
1966	01.21	THE HORSE	FIRE	YANG
1967	02.09	THE GOAT	FIRE	YIN
1968	<b>01.30</b>	THE MONKEY	EARTH	YANG
1969	02.17	THE ROOSTER	EARTH	YIN
1970	02.06	THE DOG	METAL	YANG
1971	02.17	THE PIG	METAL	YIN

1972 02.15	THE RAT	WATER	FANG
1973 02.03	THE C;lf	WATER	YIN
1974 01.23	THE, TIGER	WOOD	YANG
1975 02.11	Ttfl: RA'IBIT	WOOD	YIN
1976 01.31	JH1 OR, OON	FIRE	YANG
1977 02.18	.THE SNAKE	FIRE	YIN
1978 02.07	///.THE HORSE	EARTH	YANG
1979 01.28	'THE COAT	EARTH	YIN
1980 02.16	THE MONK;Y	METAL	YANG
1981 02.05	THE ROSE'ER	METAL	YIN
1982 01.25	"HE DOCT	WATER	YANG
1983 02.13	'THE PIG	WATER	YIN

1984	02.02	THE RAT	WOOD	YANG
1985	02.20	THE OX	WOOD	YIN
1986	02.09	THE TIGER	FIRE	YANG
1987	02.29	THE RABBIT	FIRE	YIN
1988	02.17	THE DRAGON	EARTH	YANG
1989	02.06	THE SNAKE	EARTH	YIN
1990	01.27	THE HORSE	METAL	YANG
1991	02.15	THE GOAT	METAL	YIN
1992	02.04	THE MONKEY	WATER	YANG
1993	01.23	THE ROOSTER	WATER	YIN
1994	02.10	THE DOG	WOOD	YANG
1995	01.31	THE PIG	WOOD	YIN

## THE CHINESE NEW YEAR CHART

1996 02.19	<b>THE RAT</b>	FIRE	YANG
1997 02.07	<b>THE OX</b>	FIRE	YIN
1998 01.28	<b>THE TIGER</b>	EARTH	YANG
1999 02.16	<b>THE RABBIT</b>	EARTH	YIN
2000 02.05	<b>THE DRAGON</b>	METAL	YANG
2001 01.24	<b>THE SNAKE</b>	METAL	YIN
2002 02.12.	<b>THE HORSE</b>	WATER	YANG
2003 02.01	<b>THE GOAT</b>	WATER	YIN
2004 01.22	<b>THE MONKEY</b>	WOOD	YANG
2005 0209	<b>THE ROOSTER</b>	WOOD	YIN
2006 01.29	<b>THE DOG</b>	FIRE	YANG
2007 02.18	<b>THE PIG</b>	FIRE	YIN
2008 02.07	<b>THE RAT</b>	EARTH	YANG
2009 01.26	<b>THE OX</b>	EARTH	YIN
2010 02.14	<b>THE TIGER</b>	METAL	YANG



## HOW TO COMPILE YOUR CHINESE HOROSCOPE

There are several ways of compiling a Chinese horoscope. Whatever way you do it, you will have to find out your Ba Zi, your Chinese astrological values. You must know the value of your year of birth, the value of your month, the value of your day and finally the value of your hour. The Chinese do not bother with the geographical values of a birth chart, or its values and importance when compiling a Chinese horoscope so those values are not considered. However, the eight values, or the Ba Zi, are the essence of a Chinese horoscope.

There are several calculation methods used when compiling Chinese horoscopes. Tzi Wei Dao Shu is one. It looks very much the Western star chart, in which stars and planets are plotted into a star chart with the Polar star as the main star point. It is therefore called the Polar Star Calculation.

Another compilation method is called the Zi Ping Xuan Ming Fa - Zi Ping astrological

calculation. This is a method based on the eight different values (elements) contained in your day of birth. By checking the different elements you have in your astrological values, you will understand and find out the characteristics and the fate of a person. This is the simplest way to calculate or to compile a Chinese horoscope.

Firstly, you will have to find the two values of the year in which a person is born, then you will have to find the two values for the month, then the two values for the day and finally the two values for the birth hour. Altogether then you will have eight different values or elements which are called the Ba Zi.

There are always five different elements in the Chinese horoscope, these elements are Water, Earth, Wood, Metal and Fire. In the Western horoscope, there are only four.

23 PM - 01 AM	THE HOUR OF THE RAT	«TZI»
01 AM - 03 AM	THE HOUR OF THE OX	«CHOU»
03 AM - 05 AM	THE HOUR OF THE TIGER	«YEN»
05 AM - 07 AM	THE HOUR OF THE	«MAO»
07 AM - 09 AM	THE HOUR OF THE DRAGON	«ZHEN»
09 AM - 11 AM	THE HOUR OF THE SNAKE	«SI»
11 AM - 01 PM	THE HOUR OF THE HORSE	«WU»
01 PM - 03 PM	THE HOUR OF THE GOAT	«WEI»
03 PM - 05 PM	THE HOUR OF THE MONKEY	«SHEN»
05 PM - 07 PM	THE HOUR OF THE ROOSTER	«YU»
07 PM - 09 PM	THE HOUR OF THE DOG	«HSU»
09 PM - 11 PM	THE HOUR OF THE PIG	«HAI»

## THE FIVE ELEMENTS

At the dawn of time, there were two very opposite forces, Yin and Yang, feminine and masculine. At a later stage these forces were divided into five elements (the West has four).

These can be thought of as forces of nature.

Each sign has these five elements which makes a total of sixty animal signs. If, for instance, you were born in 1949, then your animal sign is the Ox and your element is Earth. The five elements exert a strong influence on you at different times of the year, except for Earth, which is unchanging. Wood is most influential during the spring, Fire around the summertime, Metal around the autumn and Water during the winter.

WOOD This element belongs to the **morning and the spring**. Your qualities are beauty, chastity and elegance. Wood represent the creative **force and fantasy**. You can **become** a poet, artist or a farmer. You are probably tall and slim, have beautiful **eyes** and small **hands** and feet. Dark skin is a lucky sign for you whereas too much light skin is unfortunate as a light or bright color represents Metal and **in** this case Metal can hurt the Wood **in** you. Wood governs the **liver** and the eyes. Wood' lucky colors are **green** or **blue**.

**FIRE** This element belongs to the middle of the day and the summer. Your qualities are beauty, happiness and joy, and Fire can also be associated with suffering, heat and clairvoyance. You are an active soldier and a leader. Fire often gives you a reddish skin, the nose of an eagle and can make you hairy. Being fat or having big ears indicates that you have too much Water in you and this extinguishes Fire. Fire rules over the heart and the blood, and its color is red

**EARTH** This element belongs to the afternoon and the summer's hottest days, although it influences the other elements throughout the year. Your qualities are inventiveness, endurance, carefulness and the ability to think strategically. Earth also represents realism and the ability to work hard - an element for success in business. Typical signs are strong eyebrows and a flat stomach. Earth rules over the spleen and the mouth. Its color is yellow.

## THE FIVE ELEMENTS

**METAL** This element belongs to the evening and to autumn. Your qualities are decisiveness and ambition. You can be destructive and blinkered, sometimes ignorant. Metal represents strength and stubbornness. The best lawyers and politicians are often found under this element. You have fine and even teeth, a square face and small hands. Metal rules over the lungs and the skin. The color of Metal is white.

**WATER** This element belongs to the night and to winter. Peace and tranquility are typical qualities. Water also represents inventiveness and force, but it will be counter-balanced with strong self-restraint. This element suits the artist and the businessman. You will have big, strong hands, very thick lips and curly hair. A prominent tip of the nose and a squint are unfortunate aspects of the element. Try to avoid getting too fat, as this can lead to infertility.

**WATER ELEMENT**

LUCKY COLOR	BLUE AND GREY
LUCKY NUMBERS	1 & 6
LUCKY FORMS & OBJECTS	WAVY OBJECTS
LUCKY DIRECTION	NORTH
LUCKY MATERIAL	SALTWATER OR FRESH WATER
LUCKY PROFESSIONS	SHIPPING, WATER PRODUCTS AND TRAVELLING

**WOOD ELEMENT**

LUCKY COLOR	GREEN
LUCKY NUMBERS	3 & 8
LUCKY FORMS & OBJECTS	RECTANGULAR OBJECTS
LUCKY DIRECTION	EAST AND SOUTHEAST
LUCKY MATERIAL	PLANTS AND WOODEN PRODUCTS
LUCKY PROFESSIONS	ANYTHING DEALING WITH ARTS, PUBLISHING BUSINESSES, WOODEN FURNITURE, CLOTHES AND FRUITS

**EARTH ELEMENT**

LUCKY COLOR	BROWN AND GOLDEN COLORS
LUCKY NUMBERS	5 & 10
LUCKY FORMS & OBJECTS	QUADRANGULAR OBJECTS
LUCKY DIRECTION	SOUTHWEST AND IN THE MIDDLE
LUCKY MATERIAL	EARTH, CHINA AND STONES
LUCKY PROFESSIONS	ANYTHING DEALING WITH STONES, PROPERTIES AND BARNYARDS

**METAL ELEMENT**

LUCKY COLOR	WHITE, SILVER AND GOLDEN COLORS
LUCKY NUMBERS	4 & 9
LUCKY FORMS & OBJECTS	ANY ROUND OBJECTS
LUCKY DIRECTION	WEST AND NORTHWEST
LUCKY MATERIAL	EVERY METAL OBJECTS
LUCKY PROFESSIONS	WORK WITH MACHINERY, MINES AND ADMINISTRATION

**FIRE ELEMENT**

FIRE ELEMENT	RED, VIOLET AND ORANGE
LUCKY NUMBERS	2 & 7
LUCKY FORMS & OBJECTS	TRIANGULAR OBJECTS
LUCKY DIRECTION	SOUTH
LUCKY MATERIAL	FIRE, OVEN AND ANYTHING DEALING WITH FIRE
LUCKY PROFESSIONS	WORK WITH RESTAURANTS, LASER, EXPLOSIVES AND LIGHT

## THE EARTHLY BRANCHES

The twelve different animal signs that have their own earthly animal names in the Chinese horoscope are: Tzi (Rat), Chou (Ox), Yen (Tiger), Mao (Rabbit), Zheng (Dragon), Si (Snake), Wu (Horse), Wei (Goat), Shen (Monkey), Yu (Rooster), Hsu (Dog) and Hai (Pig). These are called the Earthly Branches.

THE RAT	TZI	FEMININE	WATER
THE OX	CHOU	FEMININE	EARTH
THE TIGER	YEN	MASCULINE	WOOD
THE RABBIT	MAO	FEMININE	WOOD
THE DRAGON	ZHENG	MASCULINE	EARTH
THE SNAKE	SI	FEMININE	EARTH
THE HORSE	WU	FEMININE	FIRE
THE GOAT	WEI	FEMININE	EARTH
THE MONKEY	SHEN	MASCULINE	METAL
THE ROOSTER	Yu	FEMININE	METAL
THE DOG	Hsu	MASCULINE	EARTH
THE PIG	HAI	MASCULINE	WATER

Then the Heavenly Stems are: Jia, Yi, Bing, Ding, Mou, Ji, Keng, Xin, Jen and Kuei.

## THE HEAVENLY STEMS

JIA	MASCULINE	WOOD
YI	FEMININE	WOOD
BING	MASCULINE	FIRE
DING	FEMININE	FIRE
Mou	MASCULINE	EARTH
Ji	FEMININE	EARTH
KENG	MASCULINE	METAL
XIN	FEMININE	METAL
JEN	MASCULINE	WATER
KUEI	FEMININE	WATER

When checking the hour of birth, be aware that one Chinese day is divided into twelve Chinese hours, so that each Chinese hour corresponds to two Western hours.



## USING THE GRAND

### CHINESE ASTROLOGICAL CALENDAR

On the accompanying CD the large time table is the Grand Chinese Astrological Calendar and in this you will find all the values for the elements for the year, month and the day. Here, you will find the values for the birth hour, which again is the basis for making the whole Ba Zi: the Eight Astrological Values. Please note that the Western calendar is a solar calendar, and the Chinese is a moon calendar; that means the Chinese New Year never starts earlier than Jan. 20. or later than Feb. 20. in the Western calendar every year.

The Grand Chinese Astrological Calendar applies the sexagenary cycle of Heavenly Stems and Earthly Branches for numbering

the years the months and the days. On the CD you will find the Chinese equivalents for the Western calendar dating from 1.1.1951 to 12.31.2008. The first column is for the Western calendar and the second column is for the Chinese calendar. The remaining columns consist of in the third column, the Monthly Heavenly Stem or MHS, in the fourth is the Monthly Earthly Branches or MEB, in the fifth column is the Daily Heavenly Stem or DHS, and in the sixth and last column is the Daily Earthly Branches or DEB.

Year 1951

The year of the Metal Rabbit - Xin ( Metal - Yearly Heavenly Branches YHB)

Mao ( Rabbit - Yearly Earthly Branches YEB )

Western Calendar	Chinese Calendar	MHS	MEB	DHS	DEB
Jan. 2nd	I.I.	Keng	Yen	Ding	Chou

(Chinese New Year's day)

Now, in order to find the Heavenly Stem and the Earthly Branches for your birth hour, go to the table below :

BIRTH HOUR

HEAVENLY STEM FOR THE DAY

JIA/JI                      YI/KENG                      BING/XIN                      DING/JEN                      MOU/KUEI

12PM – 1 AM	TZI HOUR	JIA/TZI	BING/TZI	MOU/TZI	KENG/TZI	YEN/TZI
1 AM – 3 AM	CHOU HOUR	YI/CHOU	DING/CHOU	JI/CHOU	XIN/CHOU	KUEI/CHOU
3 AM – 5 AM	YEN HOUR	BIN/YEN	MOU/YEN	KENG/YEN	JEN/YEN	JIA/YEN
5 AM – 7 AM	MAO HOUR	DING/MAO	JI/MAO	XIN/MAO	KUEI/MAO	YI/MAO
7 AM – 9 AM	ZHENG HOUR	MOU/ZHENG	KENG/ZHENG	JEN/ZHENG	JIA/ZHENG	BING/ZHENG
9 AM – 11 AM	SI HOUR	JI/SI	XIN/SI	KUEI/SI	YI/SI	DING/SI
11 AM - 1 PM	WU HOUR	KENG/WU	JEN/WU	JIA/WU	BING/WU	MOU/WU
1 PM - 3 PM	WEI HOUR	XIN/WEI	KUEI/WEI	YI/WEI	DING/WEI	SI/WEI
3 PM - 5 PM	SHEN HOUR	JEN/SHEN	JIA/SHEN	BING/SHEN	MOU/SHEN	KENG/SHEN
5 PM – 7 PM	YU HOUR	KUEI/YU	YI/YU	DING/YU	SI/YU	XIN/YU
7 PM – 9 PM	Hsu HOUR	JIA/HSU	BING/HSU	MOU/HSU	KENG/HSU	JEN/HSU
9 P M - 11 PM	HAI HOUR	YI/HAI	DING/HAI	JI/HAI	XIN/HAI	KUEI/HAI
11 PM – 12 PM	TZI HOUR	BING/TZI	MOU/TZI	KENG/TZI	JEN/TZI	KUEI/TZI

Please be aware that there is a slight difference between the Tzi hours. The first Tzi hour starts from 11 PM - 12 PM and the second Tzi hour starts from 12 PM - 1AM.

## HOW TO FIND OUT WHICH DAY OF THE WEEK YOU WERE BORN ON

Lets take a simple example and say you were born on October 28, 1997 and you want to know which day of the week you were born. Without finding a calendar for that year, heres the quickest way of finding out using these helpful tables below.

First, go to the Birth Year table, 1901 - 2008 and locate the year 1997:

Going horizontally across the table you will see that 1997 is at position «Q». Next go to the Month Table below and find October. Follow the October column vertically down the table until you come to the point «Q» again and you will find that where «Q» and October meet is the number 3. Then add 3 + 28 to get 31.

Finally, go to the Weekday Table and locate the number 31 and you will see this is a Tuesday. Therefore, we now know that the 28th October 1997 was a Tuesday

A	1925	1953	1981	
B	1926	1954	1982	
C	1927	1955	1983	
D	1928	1956	1984	
E	1901	1929	1957	1985
F	1902	1930	1958	1986
G	1903	1931	1959	1987
H	1904	1932	1960	1988
I	1905	1933	1961	1989
J	1906	1934	1962	1990
K	1907	1935	1963	1991
L	1908	1936	1964	1992
M	1909	1937	1965	1993
N	1910	1938	1966	1994
O	1911	1939	1967	1995
P	1912	1940	1968	1996
Q	1913	1941	1969	1997
R	1914	1942	1970	1998
S	1915	1943	1971	1999
T	1916	1944	1972	2000
U	1917	1945	1973	2001
V	1918	1946	1974	2002
<b>W</b>	1919	1947	1975	2003
X	1920	1948	1976	2004
Y	1921	1949	1977	2005
Z	1922	1950	1978	2006
Z1	1923	1951	1979	2007
Z2	1924	1952	1980	2008

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAI	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OKT	NOV	DES
A	4	0	0	3	5	1	3	6	2	4	0	2
B	5	1	1	4	6	2	4	0	3	5	1	3
C	6	2	2	5	0	3	5	1	4	6	2	4
D	0	3	4	0	2	5	0	3	6	1	4	6
E	2	5	5	1	3	6	1	4	0	2	5	0
F	3	6	6	2	4	0	2	5	1	2	6	1
G	4	0	0	3	5	1	3	6	2	4	0	2
H	5	1	2	5	0	3	5	1	4	6	2	4
I	0	3	3	6	1	4	6	2	5	0	3	5
J	1	4	4	0	2	5	0	3	6	1	4	6
K	2	5	5	1	3	6	1	4	0	2	5	0
L	2	6	0	3	5	1	3	6	2	4	0	2
M	5	1	1	4	6	2	4	0	3	5	1	3
N	6	2	2	5	0	3	5	1	4	6	2	4
O	0	3	3	6	1	4	6	2	5	0	3	5
P	1	4	5	1	3	6	1	4	0	2	5	0
Q	3	6	6	2	4	0	2	5	1	3	6	1
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S	5	1	1	4	6	2	4	0	3	5	1	3
T	6	2	3	6	1	4	6	2	5	0	3	5
U	1	4	4	0	2	5	0	3	6	1	4	6
V	2	5	5	1	3	6	1	4	0	2	5	0
W	3	6	6	2	4	0	2	5	1	3	6	1
X	4	0	1	4	6	2	4	0	3	5	1	3
Y	6	2	2	5	0	3	5	1	4	6	2	4
Z	0	3	3	6	1	4	6	2	5	0	3	5
Z1	1	4	4	0	2	5	0	3	6	1	4	6
Z2	2	5	5	1	3	6	1	4	0	2	5	0

## WEEKDAY TABLE

SUNDAY	1	8	15	22	29	36
<b>MONDAY</b>	2	9	16	23	30	37
TUESDAY	3	10	17	24	31	
WEDNESDAY	4	11	18	25	32	
THURSDAY	5	12	19	26	33	
FRIDAY	6	13	20	27	34	
SATURDAY	7	14	21	28	35	

### How TO GET THE RIGHT EIGHT VALUES, THE **BA ZI**

In the following example, Mr. Peter Wang is born in Hong Kong (although birthplace does not matter in a Chinese horoscope) on May 11, 1957, at 12.00 AM. If we go to the Grand Astrological Time table on the CD included we will find that Peter was born in the year of the Rooster - Yu. That specific year has Ding - feminine Fire - as its element. So Peter is born in a year with the following elements for his year: Ding/Yu. We will then see that May,

the month of his birth, corresponds to the fourth month in the Chinese calendar which has the following elements: Yi/Si. Then we will see that the nth day of the month has the following elements: Kuei/Wei. Then, finally, we look at the small table on the previous page to find the elements for his hour of birth. Under Kuei and the birth hour of 12.00, the Wu hour, you will find Mou/Wu.

How TO GET THE RIGHT EIGHT VALUES, THE BA ZI

From these values we can set up the following Ba Zi for Peter Wang:

FOR THE YEAR	FOR THE MONTH	FOR THE DAY	FOR THE HOUR
DING/YU	YI/SI	KUEI/WEI	MOU/WU

The elements that Peter Wang's final Ba Zi contains are:

DING=FIRE	<b>YI=WOOD</b>	KUEI=WATER	MOU=EARTH
YU=METAL	<b>SI=FIRE</b>	<b>WEI=EARTH</b>	WU=FIRE

The Zi Ping Xuang Ming Fa method of compiling a Chinese horoscope looks into the different elements that Peter Wang has. You will discover that Peter Wang has Kuei and Wei in his birthday values/elements. In particular, it is the upper value/element water, Water - Kuei that already indicates what kind of person Peter Wang is. He is actually a person very much linked to Water (Kuei) in either a positive or in a negative way. Each element has a numeric value. In order to check and analyse his Chinese horoscope we need to do further calculations therefore on the following remaining values/elements for Peter Wang :

VALUES/ELEMENTS THAT ARE COMPATIBLE WITH WATER : WATER : 0    METAL : 1    WOOD : **1**

VALUES/ELEMENTS THAT ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH WATER : FIRE: 3    EARTH : 2

For every value/element that has a numeric value more than 3, we add an additional 1,5 points to this value/element, so that Wang's Fire elements will have 4,5 in total top values/elements.

Therefore Peter Wang is a Fire person with Earth following closely behind, and he would be advised to keep away from everything connected with water and metal. In reality, it is difficult to do this, of course. However, he can choose not to swim alone for instance or be more alert when using sharp metal tools. Peter Wang is best suited to handling all things associated with fire or earth.

Follow the same process to compile your own horoscope using both the CD that accompanies this book containing the Grand Chinese Astrological Calendar and the tables included in this section. By finding your own Ba Zi you will compile your own Chinese horoscope. Have lots of fun!

THE SIGN OF THE RAT



2.31.1900–2.18.1901

THE METAL RAT

2.18.1913–2.5.1913

THE WATER RAT

2.5.1924–1.23.1925

THE WOOD RAT

1.24.1936–2.10.1937

THE FIRE RAT

2.10.1948–1.28.1949

THE EARTH RAT

1.28.1960–2.14.1961

THE METAL RAT

2.15.1972–2.2.1973

THE WATER RAT

2.2.1984–2.20.1985

THE WOOD RAT

2.19.1996–2.6.1997

THE FIRE RAT

THE CHINESE NAME FOR THE RAT: SHU

THE FIRST SIGN IN THE CHINESE ZODIAC

THE HOURS THAT THE RAT RULES:

11 PM – 1 AM

CORRESPONDING SIGN IN THE WESTERN

SYSTEM: AQUARIUS

THE FIRM ELEMENT OF THE RAT: WATER

THE DIRECTION OF THE POLE: POSITIVE

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RAT

You are a vital and happy-minded person, intelligent and popular. You love life and have an astonishing way of making friends. Your loved ones feel good in your presence. Because of your intelligence and insight, you are often asked for advice: people come to you with their problems and secrets. It is no wonder that you like to work hard to reach your goals. At the same time you are very original and never run out of ideas. It is a pity that you often lack the drive and the self-assurance to make these ideas work. If you can build up your self-esteem when you are young, then there is every chance you will go far in life. You are very observant and love to note down everything happening around you. There

are many famous writers and journalists who are born under this sign. You like work that brings you in contact with people and the media. Your ability to get yourself out of trouble makes you a sought-after person as a consultant. However, you can also be self-absorbed and egotistical. You love to be the centre of attention, but you can be mean and pedantic when you encounter bureaucracy or restrictions. You are quick to grasp any opportunity that comes your way. You will use your talents to improve your standard of living, but you must remember that you can make many enemies if you think only of yourself. Generally, you have a good grasp of financial matters and you are fond of money. Occasionally you can even be mean, because you don't like to spend your money. You are an obsessive hoarder and seldom throw things away. Your home may resemble a warehouse or a museum. The Rat likes to take care of his family, and you can be too generous with

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RAT

your partner, your children and your close friends. You are exceptionally loyal to your parents. Last but not least, you often like to spend money on yourself too. Sometimes you can be mean and greedy and you never say no to a free offer. Often you say yes to people who might be a little dubious and you end up doing business with them. You should try to keep yourself away from such questionable enterprises .You are very articulate but you have to be aware that sometimes you can be too frank and indiscreet. Intrigue and gossip are part of your daily life. A good conversation with a gossip will have a positive influence on you. You are adept at making use of any confidential information to further your own cause. However, you are also skilled in giving impartial advice. Either way, you are so charming and irresistible that most people will forgive your total lack of discretion.

## THE YEAR OF THE RAT IN GENERAL

The Rat is smart and innovative, therefore you will find the Rat's year to be one of endless opportunities. And if you are smart and quick to invest, this would be one of the best years in which to do it. Under the influence of the Rat, anyone who is prepared to risk a large investment should do so now. Of course you must know what you do, if not, you will either be paid off handsomely and prepared for champagne at your breakfast table on your own yacht or ending up losing everything, even your own shirt. It is not just money you can invest in this year: you will find it equally rewarding to invest in love. This is a remarkable year for anyone who is willing to embark on a romantic adventure. There are many opportunities here - in the office, in restaurants, on the beach and on the bus home - everywhere you go you will attract appreciative looks and smiles. The Rat is the most passionate creature in the Chinese zodiac.

In 1960 Princess Margaret and Anthony Armstrong-Jones (later Lord Snowdon) were married in Westminster Abbey. There will be more than enough marriages in a year of the Rat. Although the year of the Rat is generally a good one, there may be some disturbances on the world stage in which one particular group come to prominence. In 1900 for instance there was the very strange Boxer rebellion in the Dynastic China that almost led to anarchy throughout the great expanse of the country. In 1972 40,000 Asians were expelled from Idi Amin's Uganda. There can also be chaos during the year of the Rat, but fortunately this is very unusual.

Since the Rat loves the good life and doesn't like to work hard, this is a year when sales of music CDs and DVDs will go up, bestselling novels will be written and the harvest will be abundant everywhere. You can be sure that cinemas and theatres will be packed and people will be very interested in all sorts of

## THE YEAR OF THE RAT IN GENERAL

cultural events. Entertainment agents will see a fatter return in their investments than in other years. Everyone in business will find success with their projects. This is also a good year for bringing your company to the stock exchange. Charlie Chaplin was one of the best film performers in the world, he was born in the year of Ox in 1889. In 1936 he had his breakthrough with his film called "Modern Times" and in 1972 he was honored with an Oscar. Both these years were the years of the Rat, so when the Ox comes into the year of the Rat, it often means great success. Though you and I will have the occasional anxious moment, the year of the Rat will pass more or less peacefully and with great prosperity. This year's motto is quite clear: "Eat, drink and have a good time as long as it lasts!"

## ASCENDANTS OF THE RAT

You are extremely charming and very conceited. You are very fond of your family life and you take good care of the people around you. Curiosity is a strong trait and you could be a very good writer

THE HOUR OF THE RAT «ZI»

**11 PM - 1 AM**

You are somewhat restless and tend to be very grave at times. Of course, you will be dominated by the speculative character of the Rat, but this will be outweighed by the security of the Ox in you..

THE HOUR OF THE OX «ZHOU»

**1 AM - 3 AM**

You can be rather bossy and aggressive. Sometimes you tend to be too eager, but everything will work out right, particularly if you keep an eye on your money. You tend to be very generous and at times this can mean you're financially reckless.

THE HOUR OF THE TIGER «YIN»

**3 AM - 5 AM**

ASCENDANTS OF THE RAT

THE HOUR OF THE RABBIT «MAO»

**5 AM - 7 AM**

You are willing to learn and experience, but it can be difficult to perceive this because of the Rat in you. So the charm of the Rat combined with the Rabbit's canniness will make you almost unbeatable.

THE HOUR OF THE DRAGON «ZHEN»

**7 AM - 9 AM**

You are a Rat with great ambition and a generous heart - sometimes bigger than your wallet. You lend money unconditionally to the needy and you may regret this later on. The strong will of the Dragon and the Rat's economic talents will make you very successful in business.

THE HOUR OF THE SNAKE «SI»

**9 AM - 11 AM**

You have lots of admirers and find your way into their wallets as well as their hearts. The Snake in you gives you a deadly charm. Your most dangerous attribute is your ruthlessness.

ASCENDANTS OF THE RAT

You are a true adventurer, someone who is willing to try many things, no matter the risk. Your unstable nature means you often sail in turbulent waters when it comes to love. Your life is never dull: you are either on top of the world or very down.

THE HOUR OF THE HORSE «WU»

II AM - I I M

You are very sentimental, showing a particular fondness for money. Fortunately, you also have good taste and refinement. Since both signs are rather opportunistic, you are a master at attaching yourself to people who are influential in finance and power.

THE HOUR OF THE GOAT «WEI»

I I M- 3 I M



ASCENDANTS OF THE RAT

THE HOUR OF THE MONKEY «SHEN»

**3 PM - 5 PM**

This a very enterprising combination. You know every trick and are willing to make use of each one. With the influence of the Monkey, you are less sentimental and have a good sense of humor.

THE HOUR OF THE ROOSTER «Yu»

**5 1 M - 7 1 M**

You are extremely intelligent and skilful, but tend to be very conceited. The Rat in you is preoccupied with saving money, but the Rooster in you has many ways of getting rid of it. Maybe it would be a good idea to get a job in which you can use your talents to run a business with someone else's money.

ASCENDANTS OF THE RAT

THE HOUR OF THE DOG «XU»

**7 1 M - 9 1 M**

The Dog in you wants to be righteous and impartial, but the Rat in you does not care how you get hold of your money, even if this is at the expense of the Dog's conscience. This is also a very combination if you want to become a famous writer or a noted journalist.

THE HOUR OF THE PIG «HAI»

**9 1 M - 11 1 M**

The Rat resents the scruples of the Pig. This makes you rather hesitant about seizing the moment. You will end up as a charitable worker who does not get any thanks for your hard work unless you learn how to be smarter.

## FEATURES OF THE RAT

**QUALITIES** You are charming, positive and quick to see possibilities. You can also be too quick to change your mind and may appear to be a deep thinker. Others will find you to be somewhat unstable and opportunistic.

**LUCK** You know how to appreciate small things in life, and you are extremely fond of your loved ones. The greatest chance of being lucky will come when somebody understands you and gives you support.

**MONEY** YOU are astute in saving and take care of what you have. You can even be very popular and famous as a result. A hobby may become very lucrative.

**PROFESSION** YOU are fond of people, and sometimes dislike being alone. Your life is colorful and you know how to make good friends. Any kind of work connected with people appeals to you.

**SOCIAL LIFE** YOU are curious and always on the lookout for excitement. You enjoy being the center of attention, but you have to feel comfortable with the people around you before you can let go. Whatever your means, you love to enjoy life to the full.

**BUSINESS** You are sharp and well-meaning and you always see a lot of possibilities around you. Now and then, you have a tendency to be too clever and you might end up cheating yourself without even being aware of it.

**LOVE** You are romantic and sentimental. Furthermore, you care for those you love. Your charming personality makes you the master of flirting and this will be noticed. Few can withstand your fatal charm.

**PARENTS** YOU are probably blessed with caring and considerate parents, but they might be too demanding. They know that you will succeed in life.

**SIBLINGS** YOU have a good relationship with your siblings, and there is much love and understanding between you.

**CHILDREN** YOU are very fond of children and you can even be rather childish yourself. You will have many children with your partner and your children will learn how to appreciate you.

**TRAVELS** YOU love traveling. You are especially fond of nightlife and you are the romantic type who wants to discover everything for yourself.

**HEALTH** YOU have good health and are robust and resistant to many forms of disease. People born in this sign have great endurance and you will live a long life.

**INVESTMENTS** Your investments are often very successful, as long you are not too greedy. You are a very talented money-maker and you will get the chance to become very rich.

**TALENTS** You are smart and resourceful in finding solutions to your problems. You are very diplomatic and know how to behave yourself. You can also be rather generous, but fortunately you do not spend your money without a purpose.

**PROSPECTS** If you manage to take care of the people who are close to you, then you will have a good and interesting life. You see every day as a new challenge, full of possibilities.

WHAT KIND OF RAT ARE YOU?

### THE WOODRAT 1924, 1984

This is a House Rat who lives in the loft and has a great time. You are enterprising and knowledgeable but perhaps a little bit restless and you do not quite manage to stay the course. Life can be somewhat stormy to begin with, but you will steer into more peaceful waters in the later stage.

### THE FIRE RAT 1936, 1996

This is the Rat who lives in the fields of rice. You are intelligent and brave. However, you also tend to be rather authoritative. At the beginning it will not be easy for you, but you will slowly gain a foothold. Your old age will be good and peaceful.

### THE EARTH RAT 1948, 2008

This is a Rat that can be found in a warehouse used for storing rice. There is more than enough food and protection here and you know how to make use of your talents. You will live a long, trouble-free life.

### THE METAL RAT 1900, 1960

This is a Rat which lives inside the house and thrives. You like to be an administrator and help people close to you. You will have a good life without too many worries or risks. Your partner will appreciate your efforts and love you dearly.

### THE WATER RAT 1912, 1972

This is a Mountain Rat. Problems arise when you are young, but luckily it all will work out all right for you in the end. You are likely to have a good marriage, and make good money at some point. In any case, you will have to manage on your own, because you will not get any help from outsiders.

## THE RAT IN OTHER YEARS

### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN YOUR OWN YEAR**

You can look forward to an interesting and constructive year. There will be many opportunities concerning love and your career. You make very good money from all your projects if you are self-employed. If not, then promotion and better pay will be in sight by the middle of this positive year, meaning better prospects in every respect. You will need to be careful not to be exploited by others in order to avoid problems at a later stage. Furthermore, you will be doing a lot of traveling and you will have the opportunity to make friends with some very important people during these trips.

### How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE OX

Exciting things are on the horizon in every part of your life so there is nothing preventing you from being cheerful and positive in your approach. Not everyone is inclined to agree with you at present, but you do have the power of persuasion and can bring almost anyone around to your point of view. Professional and career projects bring certain pressures to bear that you could happily do without. The main thing is to remain calm and relaxed under all circumstances this year. Not everyone around you will turn out to equally helpful. You will have to handle many things on your own.

#### **How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE TIGER**

You need a greater capacity for self-expression and there are reasons to believe that this is what you discover this year. Its a time of sunshine and showers, no matter how the weather is outside - even where slight difficulties arise, you will have the capacity to deal with them promptly. This is an excellent time for getting away from the major concerns of the world at large. This probably means that for once you become something of a hermit, which will certainly not suit everyone you meet at present. A slow and steady pace will bring you gradually closer to something exciting waiting around the corner. Bear in mind is that co-operation is very important this year.

#### **How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT**

It seems that you will suddenly be having a pretty rough time. You could be rocked back on your heels by what is happening in business circles. Work is apt to be strenuous. You are going to be hard-pushed to keep up with your busy schedule. Luckily you are strong, and you will manage after all. In the middle of the year you will have to take one step at a time. Do not resort to panic measures regarding recent events. Pull yourself up by your bootstraps. Your vivid imagination could be making more of what is, after all, only a minor setback to your plans. Close associates will be most helpful; colleagues will do all that they can to reassure you.



## THE RAT IN OTHER YEARS

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON

This is a perfect time to reach agreement with your mate or partner on the best way to handle mutual affairs. The beginning of this year is the best time to begin work on your home. Get going on those painting and redecorating jobs. Anything that gives you an opportunity to be artistic will hold special appeal. Speculation could be lucky for a change. This is also a period to travel and to deal with distant affairs.

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE

Work you do can easily lead to promotion. You will find that people remain very co-operative. This is the right time to show your qualities of leadership. Your intuition should be accurate and reliable. There is no reason why you should put a foot wrong. The year will be successful because you know what to do. You are in the middle of a rewarding period. Be sure that you make the best of the excellent opportunities presenting themselves to you now. This will be a hectic and interesting time where you see an opportunity to lay the groundwork for future prospects.

#### **How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE HORSE**

This year you will lack confidence when in fact you have no real cause to be self-effacing. Home life will be complicated. Arguments could break out with loved ones, probably because you are in such a highly strung mood. It will be difficult to keep on top of pressing business. You must try not to jump to conclusions too quickly this year. This tendency could be damaging to your career, especially if you are judging work colleagues. Your mate or other family member may be worried about money and may not wish to tell you how extravagant they have been recently. No important plans should be put into action at this time.

#### **How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE GOAT**

Self-reliance is required at the beginning of this particular year. In the beginning you cannot get support for your projects when you need it most. In many ways you will be split down the middle. There will be a conflict of loyalties between responsibility to your family and to your job. It will be hard to manage. Now you need to be diplomatic and flexible, and keep within familiar territory - this is not a time for setting out on a journey. Deal with people you know you can trust. It would be better to put finishing touches to work already in progress rather than attempt to launch a new project. In contrast, this year will be very romantic and interesting in matters of love.

## THE RAT IN OTHER YEARS

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR **OF THE MONKEY**

Now you are acting too quickly, perhaps even impulsively. Things can go wrong, and errors made now could prove costly at a later date. Hobbies will give you a break. This is a pleasant time for anything that gives free rein to the artistic side of your nature. Nothing of any particular importance is likely to happen now. Do not make difficulties for yourself. Use this easy period to unwind. You will not be troubled by other people's problems. There will be good opportunities to think about your own future. Examine your career goals to make sure you have not lost touch with your true aims and aspirations.

### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER**

Money problems should be settled at the beginning of the year. A letter or a telephone call will have a reassuring effect on you. This is a quiet and rather relaxed period, offering good opportunities to right the wrongs of recent times. You will certainly find it easier to deal with authority figures. Even your boss will show greater willingness to understand your personal problems. Although you are very good at saving, you may be overcome with a desire to splurge. It could be that boredom gives you a craving for out-of-the-ordinary entertainment. Be wary of traveling too far afield for your pleasure. This year you will find a lot of excitement.

#### **How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DOG**

Expansion is of top priority to you this year. You can add a long-cherished scheme to your plans. If it's in business, go for it with all your heart. Let imagination have free rein, for ideas can only go from good to better. There will excellent opportunities for you to improve your future career prospects.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE PIG**

You will experience a lot of change and unexpected events in the year of the Pig. But you will be able to turn them to your favor if you approach them in the right spirit. You can make the progress you long for. Your plans will progress, but perhaps not as quickly as you'd like. You may have to work harder in order to make ends meet. However, you will meet some very nice and influential people that will give you a helping hand. You are also longing for a change in your emotions and someone may come along who will have an important effect on your future. This is, however, not a good year for you to get married, and think twice about having children. The final part of the year will be much better than the first, something you can look forward to.

FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN UNDER THE SIGN **OF THE RAT**

Ursula Andress, Prince Andrew, Louis Armstrong, Shirley Bassey, Jeremy Beadle, Irving Berlin, Marlon Brando. George Bush, Jimmy Carter, James Callaghan, Prince Charles, Maurice Chevalier, Doris Day, Benjamin Disraeli, Clark Gable, Hugh Grant, Vaclav Havel, Glenda Jackson, Haydn, Pope John Paul II, Gene Kelly, Kris Kristofferson, Lawrence of Arabia, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Mozart, Mark Phillips, Robert Mugabe.,, Olivia Newton-John, Sean Penn, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Burt Reynolds, Yves Saint Laurent, William Shakespeare, Donna Summer, Leo Tolstoy, Prince Andrew, Jules Verne, Kim Wilde, Emile Zola.

THE **SIGN** OF THE OX

2.9.1901-2.7.1902

THE METAL OX

2.6.1913-1.25.1914

THE WATER OX

1.25.1925-2.12.1926

THE WOOD OX

2.11.1937-1.30.1938

THE FIRE OX

1.29.1949-2.16.1950

THE EARTH OX

2.15.1961-4.2.1962

THE METAL OX

2.3.1973-1.22.1974

THE WATER OX

2.20.1985-2.8.1986

THE WOOD OX

2.7.1997-27.1.1998

THE FIRE OX

THE CHINESE NAME FOR THE OX: NIU

THE SECOND SIGN IN THE CHINESE ZODIAC

THE HOURS THAT THE OX GOVERNS:

**1AM-3AM**

CORRESPONDING SIGN IN THE

WESTERN SYSTEM: CAPRICORN

THE ELEMENT OF THE OX: WATER

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OX

No one who has ever watched a herd of Oxen moving calmly across an open plain can have failed to be impressed by their great natural majesty. When harnessed to the yoke, no other animal pulls a heavier load, nor does so for such long hours.

With the ability to plough on against all opposition and to arouse confidence in those around him - seemingly by his very presence - the Ox has not surprisingly occupied more than its fair share of the world stage. Those born under this sign are destined for greatness and make their mark as leaders of men. A conservative with a big C, the Ox despises novelties and gimmicks. The modern world is not for him. To try to understand the Ox is

to set oneself a thankless and unproductive task. Any attempt to get really close to this most private of all creatures will only succeed in making him clam up: the harder you try, the further he retreats. Because he is a born leader, any fears or uncertainties he encounters can never be admitted either to himself or to others. As one might expect, the high-minded and ambitious Ox cannot bear to be thwarted, least of all by another Ox.

You who are born under this sign are diligent, patient, home-loving and ambitious. You like to work hard and get to the top, step-by-step. You show great responsibility in whatever you do. Sometimes you seem to be reserved and prefer to keep your thoughts to yourself. You don't have too many friends but those you do have are loyal to you. You are fond of quiet and cosy surroundings. Most of the time you seem to be calm and peaceful, unless you feel provoked - then you can become terrifying. The most dangerous animals in the world are



neither Tigers nor Lions, but wild Oxen.

Because of your great loyalty and your punctuality you will make a success of whatever you do - so long as you are allowed to carry out your tasks on your own. You will go far in politics, farming and in any direction where expertise is vital. Furthermore, you could also be an artist in many different fields, as you are born talented. Your life will be interesting but full of tasks and puzzles to solve. The Ox born in spring will be very happy and have fewer things to attend to than those who are born in summer and autumn. The winter Ox will also take it easy.

#### THE OX IN GENERAL

After the active and fun-loving year of the Rat, now it is time to toil and settle the bill for what you have spent. This is not the year for fashionable entertainments, nor is it a good year for the lazy either. It is a year for work and, as long as you put your shoulder to the yoke, put your nose to the grindstone and put in the hours, you will be rewarded. However, you should not be too demanding and expect the reward to be too generous. At the same time this is also a good year for thinking deeply about the future. If you want to become famous, now is the right time to do something big and get noticed.

The year of the Ox will be an exciting one in which there will be major changes in world

leadership. Political upheavals will be on the agenda. In the first month of the first Ox year this century, Queen Victoria died. Then, in 1973, three very outstanding people died: President Lyndon P. Johnson, King Gustav of Sweden and the father of Israel, David Ben-Gurion. There will certainly be struggles at the top of the political ladder where only the toughest survive. In March of 1973, the Gaullists won an absolute majority in the French General Election; in August, George Papadopoulos became Greece's first president; in October the Israelis fought the Arabs; and in November, the Greek army deposed George Papadopoulos. In 1961 John F Kennedy became the thirty-fifth president of the United States, the youngest-ever American president. So you see, there are a lot of exciting events during a year of the Ox.

Apart from instability on the political stage, the year of the Ox will pass without great floods or famines. The Ox will spend most of his time

in the fields, and the harvest will again be bountiful and the promise of an honest day's work means that there will be many willing to reap the benefits. If you have serious plans of having children, the year of the Ox is a good time, or you can even join the church, walk over the Niagara Falls on a tightrope or join the Chinese to go the Moon. Just don't be tempted to have an affair. If you find you are troubled by the seven-year-itch and want to scratch it - don't. The results could be catastrophic!

ASCENDANTS OF THE OX  
THE HOUR OF THE RAT «ZI»

You are an Ox with a good degree of sentiment. The Rat's charm will soften you and make you more flexible and communicative. However, you will never forget an insult or know how to keep order in your finances.

THE HOUR OF THE OX «ZHOU»  
**I AM - 3 AM**

You can be very militant and authoritarian. If someone steps out of line, you will slap them down. You are born with a strong sense of self-control and dedication. Unfortunately, you lack humor and imagination. You are an Ox that no one should make fun of.

THE HOUR OF THE TIGER «YIN»  
**3 AM - 5 AM**

You are an engaging and compelling Ox with a lively personality. Never shy or discreet, and you say what you mean. You are tough and rather short-tempered, characteristics that people around you need to be aware of.

People will find it difficult to change your point of view, but at least you are more tactful and diplomatic. In other words, you are a rather nice Ox. You appreciate art and prefer to take it easy in your daily routine.

You will get strong support from others in progressing with your work. It is a pity that you are not flexible, otherwise you could go even further with your career. Try to be a little bit more diplomatic and tactful, then the world will smile on you.

This combination makes you shy and secretive and not at all open to advice. You tend to be very conceited and stubborn and you enjoy being alone. Luckily you are smart and know how to survive.

ASCENDANTS OF THE OX

THE HOUR OF THE RABBIT «M A O»

**5 AM - 7 AM**

THE HOUR OF THE DRAGON «ZHEN»

**7 AM - 9 AM**

THE HOUR OF THE SNAKE «SI»

**9 AM - 11 AM**

ASCENDANTS OF THE OX

THE HOUR OF THE HORSE «WU»

**11 AM - 1 PM**

You are a very happy and satisfied Ox, with many positive aspects under the influence of the Horse. With the circus Horse in you, you just love dancing. However, this particular Horse might distract you from getting to your main goal, and you should be careful.

THE HOUR OF THE GOAT «WEI»

**1 PM - 3 PM**

This is a very artistic Ox, with many soft qualities and a greater understanding of others. However, you are also very business-minded and know how to make money from your talent.

THE HOUR OF THE MONKEY «SHEN»

**3 PM - 5 PM**

You are a cunning but humorous Ox who does not take his or her problems seriously. With the Monkey's influence you will not need to, as you always have an ace up your sleeve and will be a real winner.

ASCENDANTS OF THE OX

You are energetic and take responsibility for what you do. You like to argue before taking action. Often you apply your colorful rhetoric instead of your iron fists. This is a good combination of the soldier and the priest.

THE HOUR OF THE ROOSTER «YU»

**5 PM - 7 PM**

You are a dedicated fighter for what's right and you could be rather boring if you were not balanced by the Dog's stable temperament - well at least you are willing to listen to what others have to say before you court-martial them.

THE HOUR OF THE DOG «XU»

**7 PM - 9 PM**

A warm, pleasant Ox, though you might be very demanding and conservative. You lack the conviction you need to get things done, but you compensate for this by being highly diligent. You are too fond of food and forget to keep fit.

THE HOUR OF THE PIG «HAI»

**9 PM - 11 PM**

## FEATURES OF THE OX

**QUALITIES** YOU are diligent, positive and helpful. However, you tend to run your own show and can be rather stubborn and authoritarian. Some will find it difficult to work with you because you are tough and not always very cooperative.

**LUCK** YOU appreciate the small things in life and you are extremely proud when you see the results of your work. You work hard and are destined to succeed.

**MONEY** You take care of what you have and build on your resources. You may become very rich and famous in what you do - even something you learned as a child can bear fruit.

**PROFESSION** You can play whatever part is required, but you can be rather manipulative. You like to work alone and enjoy getting to the top just so you can be in control. You like to see and know what is going on around you.

**SOCIAL LIFE** YOU get on well with the people you choose to deal with. When you find yourself among people you do not know well, you can be shy and introverted.

**BUSINESS** YOU are sharp and observant and you see a lot of possibilities around you. Because of your positive attitude and smart mind, you will make a lot of money.

**LOVE** YOU are romantic by nature and enjoy courtship. Besides, you know how to make people take notice of you and people appreciate your positive and stable nature.

**PARENTS** Many Oxen find their parents are not overly eager to engage themselves in their lives. Relations might at times be strained and difficult.

**SIBLINGS** You enjoy relatively good relationships with brothers and sisters as long as they learn to give you space and try not to be too dominating.



**CHILDREN** You are fond of children and like to take responsibility for them. You could have a lot of children and they will love you dearly.

**TRAVEL** YOU love traveling and are fond of getting back to nature in the countryside. You like trees and greenery, and you never say no to exploring exotic sites that you have never seen before.

**HEALTH** You are strong and extremely robust, like an Ox. You won't suffer illness as you lead a healthy life and can look forward to prosperous later years.

**INVESTMENTS** YOU plan your investments well. With your strict sense of business and your carefulness, you will become rich as a result of the projects you undertake.

**PROSPECTS** LIFE has a lot to offer if only you could show a little more love and caring to people around you. If you do not have new challenges, you will find life boring.

WHAT KIND OF OX ARE YOU?

THE WOOD OX 1925, 1985

This is a pleasant Ox. You are enterprising and rounded and know exactly how to make use of your talents. Your life can be rather difficult to begin with, but it will be easier when you grow older.

### THE FIRE OX 1937, 1997

This is the Ox that lives near the rivers. You are both wise and brave. You can also be very authoritarian. At the beginning of your life you will have to work hard, but you will slowly gain ground. The last part of your life will be wonderful.

### THE EARTH OX 1949, 2009

This is an Ox that stays happily on the farm. There is a lot of activity in your life and you like to work hard. There will be no lack of possibilities and you know how to make use of your expertise. You are both artistic and creative, which will be big assets in your life.

### THE METAL OX 1913, 1973, 2033

This is an Ox that is always on the go. You are pleasant and enterprising. You like to care for people around you. To begin with, your life seems rather tough and you will work hard to make ends meet. But when you grow up, you will know how to get things done and your life will be happy after all.

### THE WATER OX 1865, 1925, 1985, 2045

This Ox stands behind the fence. You are lucky and your life is harmonious and safe. You will find the right partner and be prosperous. You manage well and you will get a lot of support from the people around you - in other words you are a very lucky Ox.

## THE OX IN OTHER YEARS

How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RAT

You will have an easy year, free of problems. Everything will seem to go your way and the new year will start promisingly. Luck is on your side. You should be pleased with the advances you have made. There will probably be some awkward moments, but you have the ability to cope with difficult people and situations with great aplomb. Conditions favor giving as much time as you can spare to creative projects. The year should be pleasant and family members will be cooperative.

#### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN YOUR OWN YEAR

Money matters should be handled cautiously. People born under this sign must be careful regarding people with whom they have financial dealings. Speculation in any form will be hazardous. You have a tendency to be careless with money. Keep personal spending within reasonable limits. Guard your wallet. You will need to slow down a bit over the year. You may be too anxious to travel. Think where all this will get you. Do not make a journey to see influential people unless you have a definite appointment. Much time and expense could be wasted this way. Conduct business by telephone wherever possible. Be a little more tactful in handling family matters and watch your temper. Do not say anything in the heat of a moment that you would immediately regret.

#### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE TIGER

This relaxed year gives you the opportunity to plan future moves. There is unlikely to be any great pressure from above now; no new problems will develop in your regular job. Everything connected with routine should progress steadily. This is an excellent time for giving free rein to your natural talents. Seek knowledge that would be helpful to your creative work. This is also a good period for anything that does not require a great deal of Cupertino from outsiders. Much of value can be learned by visiting a library, museum, or similar place of learning. At the end of the year a sudden health problem could cause you to cancel a planned social event. All you need to do is to tell the truth.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT**

You will make an effort to contact people who could be of special help when it comes to furthering your career. If you have your mind set on a creative career, remember it is essential to make the best possible use of personal introductions. People who matter are likely to favor you in this particular year. You should have no difficulty projecting your personality in a likeable manner. A recent investment should begin paying off now. Coupled with events that took place last year, this year should allow you to look back with some satisfaction. Just bear in mind that this is not a particular good period for romance. You could waste valuable time if you chase rainbows - stick to matters connected with work. Accept invitations to social happenings where you would have an opportunity to rub shoulders with the rich and influential.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON**

You may not be thinking straight where money is concerned and it would be extremely dangerous to make new investments now. Expert advice will cost little and could eliminate the possibility of loss if you act on your own. New business propositions must be carefully investigated. Be wary about getting too deeply involved with people you meet for the first time. Try to avoid becoming too emotional. Speculation could be your downfall at this time. The temptation to invest in propositions suggested by friends will be very strong. Keep your impulses in check. It is wise to look before you leap. At times of uncertainty consult your partner for advice.

#### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE

You will find it difficult to understand opposition to your plans from your mate. The actions of loved ones may appear totally illogical to you. It would be best not to get involved in family disputes with people who are acting impulsively. This is an excellent time for getting down to the essentials of work and business. Deal with priorities and go straight to the top. Romance will be exciting, someone you date for the first time is likely to turn out to be more than a ship that passes in the night. You may have to alter your plans for this year in order to avoid serious arguments. Although you might feel that people are behaving irrationally, they will be calling the tune now. Co-operation will be difficult to achieve. However, this is a good time for jobs that give you an opportunity to show your artistic prowess, especially if you can handle them alone.

#### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE HORSE

An extremely happy year for activities centered in and around the home. There will be good opportunities to improve your relationship with your partner. Differences that have been glossed over can now be talked out, to everybody's benefit. An engagement this period is likely to lead to a happy marriage. However, you will have some difficulty understanding the impulsive actions of loved ones. Plans you were keen to carry out in connection with your home may not be acceptable to them. It is also possible that someone is trying to pull the wool over your eyes: there is an element of deception in the air. Employment affairs will be relatively simple compared to domestic situations. This is a good time for experimenting with your work methods.



## THE OX IN OTHER YEARS

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE GOAT

It would be wise for you to use brain rather than brawn this year. More money can be made through increased mental activity rather than through physical energy. Creative enterprises can be made more valuable by joining forces with people who have specialized knowledge that you appear to lack. There will be no need to go it alone. This is an excellent time for teamwork on any level. Travel should be postponed in the middle of the year - this is not a good period for making a long journey, whether for business or for pleasure. This is also a year in which you will have to be careful when driving. Do not take any risks on the highway and check your car before setting out.

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY

It is quite likely that the problems of loved ones will interfere with your own plans. A member of your family may not be feeling too well throughout the year. It might be necessary to cancel reservations that you had. Do not be too disappointed if entertainment you had been looking forward to for some time has to be postponed at the last minute. A romantic time lies ahead of you. This will be an excellent period for all matters of the heart if that is what you are looking for. Nobody needs to tell you how you should behave at the moment, just let things take their own direction. Your partner seems to be interested in spending a harmonious period with you this year;

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER**

Home and job pressures will be reduced considerably this year. Trips and visits will be successful, especially if you are visiting friends or relatives you have not seen for some time. They will be happy to see you. This period will be easy: it is certainly an extremely happy one. It is also a period in which you feel great enthusiasm and you will be in a position to get your message across. Some of your plans might be a high-flying, but not at the present time. Now you have many good ideas, and it is also the time to see them through.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DOG**

An excellent time for romance. You are clearly able to let your partner know how you feel concerning any aspect of life and have more than enough cheek to carry out a daring personal plan. When you need support, you should find that it is ready and waiting in the wings. This is a period to act and get things done, but do make certain that you know what is expected of you in advance. Nobody can really tell you how you should behave at the moment, even if that is exactly what most individuals seem to be trying to do. A new attitude to an old problem can help you out no end by the middle of the year.

THE OX IN OTHER YEARS

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE PIG**

Do not hold back from thinking big because there is every chance that you can make your most grandiose schemes pay off this year. The reaction of people around you is extraordinary and leads you to believe that you have it in you to get away with almost anything that occurs to you. Things are looking good in every aspect, though probably slowing down just a little. Now you should turn your attention, and your planning, towards your personal life, which looks more exciting than it has done for ages. Remove any obstacles from your personal path quickly.

FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE OX

Madeleine Albright, Hans Christian Andersen, Johann Sebastian Bach, Warren Beatty, Menachem Begin, William Blake, Jon Bon Jovi, Napoleon Bonaparte, Willy Brandt, Jeff Bridges, Richard Burton, Charlie Chaplin, Bill Cosby, Sammy Davis Jr., Princess Diana, Walt Disney, Jane Fonda, Gerald Ford, Vincent van Gogh, Adolf Hitler, Heather Locklear, King Harald of Norway, Dustin Hoffman, Emperor Hirohito, Julia McCutchen, Jessica Lange, Nehru, Paul Newman, Jack Nicholson, Robert Redford, Peter Sellers, Sissy Spacek, Bruce Springsteen, Rod Steiger, Meryl Streep, Margaret Thatcher, Tung Chee-wah, Twiggy, Henning Hai Lee Yang.

**THE SIGN OF THE TIGER**

2.8.1902–1.28.1903

THE WATER TIGER

1.26.1914–2.13.1915

THE WOOD TIGER

13.2.1926–1.2.1927

THE FIRE TIGER

1.31.1938–2.18.1939

THE EARTH TIGER

2.17.1950–2.5.1951

THE METAL TIGER

2.5.1962–1.24.1963

THE WATER TIGER

1.23.1974–2.10.1975

THE WOOD TIGER

2.9.1986–1.28.1987

THE FIRE TIGER

1.28.1998–2.15.1999

THE EARTH TIGER

THE CHINESE NAME FOR THE TIGER : Hu

THE THIRD SIGN IN THE CHINESE ZODIAC

THE HOURS THAT THE TIGER GOVERNS:

3AM - 5 AM

THE CORRESPONDING SIGN IN THE WESTERN

SYSTEM: SAGITTARIUS

THE FIXED ELEMENT OF THE TIGER : WOOD

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TIGER

The Tiger is famous for its strength and determination. No beast on earth combines the same degree of beauty, strength and energy. Add bravery, and you complete the list of enviable attributes given to those born in this year. You are not without your opponents, and although you may win many a fight, the battle is a very different story. The Tiger stands out in any setting. You are a dynamic revolutionary who will not stand by while others are given a raw deal - and nobody should ever try to push you around. You like a fight and there are few better equipped to come out on the top. As the Tiger, you are both impetuous and idealistic, and are quick to find faults in others. You are outspoken

against authority of every kind, the more so when you see it as corrupt. You are a natural leader - just think of Marco Polo leading his band of brothers through highlands and desert, and finally reached China and became the governor of Yangzhou during the reign of the Great Kublai Khan.

As the Tiger you will, in fact, take on any job which gives you a chance to show your courage and imagination. You are very careful with your reputation, and like to run the show and be the centre of attention. You are good at selling yourself and getting the right publicity, not just for your own sake but also for what you stand for.

If you are a lady Tiger, you are very active and humorous. You like to dress up for parties and

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TIGER

would be a fantastically good hostess in any event you arrange. You are a capable mother, but you might be a little bit too strict. In any case, you are good at raising your children so that they will not lack anything in life.

The Tiger has many good qualities. You are brave, honest and charismatic. If you can work on developing your patience, then you can go far and live a good and satisfying life.

## THE YEAR OF THE TIGER

This is going to be a really exciting year, in which everything will be turned upside-down. You find each day offers a terrific new scheme and another idea, brighter than the one before, will follow tomorrow. Change, power and bravery are the keynotes. But if the year of the Tiger begins with fireworks morning, noon and night, its final days will be very different. A lot may change over the year - and no one knows why or how this happens. There are wars and crises during such a dramatic year. "Crises" in Chinese translates as "danger and opportunities." So there may be peril, but there will be no lack of opportunities - something a true Tiger is looking for. So it is not unusual that governments get overthrown and big



and big companies are toppled. In the political arena, 1974 was explosive. In the United States, President Richard Nixon was impeached following the Watergate scandal. In Great Britain, Prime Minister Edward Heath tried to introduce the three-day week, and was finally toppled. Back in 1926 too, Britain had suffered the General Strike. Yet in spite of so many uncertainties, the year of the Tiger will smile on those who are not scared to step into the unknown, to expend their efforts and energy, to go to the breaking point, and even to gamble with their own life.

If you want to be a musical idol or an explorer, go ahead. It is a year to find out just what you are made of, no matter what your job is. Now it is time to begin the project which you think

has the least chance of succeeding, and push it as hard as you can. It will be a sure winner. Now is the time to visit distant places and do something big and adventurous, and you will see your efforts will be crowned with success. The month of February 1962 saw America's first manned orbital space flight. The Chinese are planning to send more adventurers into space in 2010. So if you intend a climb up Mount Everest or want to run single-handed across the Great Wall, just go for it. Live dangerously and you will receive a tremendous payback later on. This is what a year of the Tiger is about.

ASCENDANTS OF THE TIGER

THE HOUR OF THE RAT «ZI»

**11 PM - 1 AM**

You are a tough character who loves nature. At the same time you like to quarrel just for the sake of it, saying sorry later. Luckily, you are not vengeful, nor the sort to bear grudges. The Rat in you gives you a good economic sense because you like to keep track of your money.

THE HOUR OF THE OX «ZHOU»

**1 AM - 3 AM**

You are strong-willed and bad-tempered. Maybe the Ox in you will give you more self-discipline so that you don't get into trouble so much and become more gentle and pleasant.

THE HOUR OF THE TIGER «YIN»

**3 AM - 5 AM**

You have the teeth and the claws of the Tiger and you can use them. You are someone who is brave and prefers to forge ahead. Your nature is rather unconventional and you like to make use of your hunting instinct as well. If someone is looking for an interesting companion, you will be the right choice.

You are pleasant and rather tactile. The Rabbit in you makes you less impulsive, encouraging you to make the right decisions and keep yourself away from trouble.

You are very ambitious and aim high in your career. The Dragon in you will strengthen your ego and you can be a very good leader if you learn to trust other people.

Perhaps the Snake in you will teach you to keep quiet and stay calm and self-controlled so that the Tiger in you will not lose its head during a negotiation.

ASCENDANTS OF THE TIGER

THE HOUR OF THE RABBIT «MAO»

**5 AM - 7 AM**

THE HOUR OF THE DRAGON «ZHEN»

**7 AM - 9 AM**

THE HOUR OF THE SNAKE «SI»

**9 AM - 11 AM**

ASCENDANTS OF THE OX

THE HOUR OF THE HORSE «WU»

**II AM - I PM**

The Horse in you is more practical and at the same time tries to keep you away from any risky projects. But this combination could create problems for you as both of the signs are very fond of their freedom and at times tend to forget to take responsibility.

THE HOUR OF THE GOAT «WEI»

**I PM - 3 PM**

You are quiet and observant, but you are extremely jealous and possessive. The Goat in you gives you an interest in fine art and the good things in life - so you will be more sociable and take part in cultural activities. In this positive combination, the temper of the Tiger will be mellowed.

THE HOUR OF THE MONKEY «SHEN»

**3 PM - 5 PM**

Here is the combination in which brains and brawn collide (let us hope in the right proportions). With luck, this combination will see you succeed in life. You are intuitive as well as brave.

ASCENDANTS OF THE OX

THE HOUR OF THE ROOSTER «YU»

**5 PM - 7 PM**

You possess a fascinating personality. You are prepared to quarrel and yet also look at the root causes of a problem. You will not allow anyone to get away with anything without having your say, regardless of whether others wish to listen.

You are a reasonable and cooperative Tiger and this of course comes from the Dog in you.

THE HOUR OF THE DOG «XU»

**7 1 M - 9 1 M**

Your bad temper will be softened by the Dog's willingness to compromise, but your tongue can still be razor-sharp.

You are very impulsive and naive and also happy and satisfied - as long as you get what you want. Many people find you demanding and possessive, but this is because of your desire to get attention and friendship from the people around you.

THE HOUR OF THE PIG «HAI»

**9 1 M - 11 1 M**

## FEATURES OF THE TIGER

**QUALITIES** YOU are forceful and energetic, but you tend to be very ruthless at times. You should slow down a bit for your own sake and take one step at a time. Otherwise you are a great leader with many interesting qualities.

**LUCK** YOU will have much luck in your life, but you may exaggerate more than is good for you. If you take on risky projects without a firm foothold, then you might lose everything you have gained and have to start all over again.

**MONEY** If you can steer clear of too many uncertain projects, you will become rich and powerful. You will either be famous or anonymous throughout your life.

**PROFESSION** YOU are a great leader, but your style of leadership might be a little bit too unconventional and difficult for some people around you.

**SOCIAL LIFE** YOU are active, love entertaining others and have a magical power over your close ones.

**BUSINESS** YOU may make money in a very unconventional way - either at the top of a great business empire or running a criminal business and trying to avoid attention from the police.

**LOVE** You are very romantic and enjoy flirting. You will never be satisfied with the one you have managed to hunt down. Settling down just with someone is simply not your style as you like to have several options open to you.

**PARENTS** Your parents do not quite understand you, so you might have trouble with them. It would be wise to take care of them anyway; perhaps the best you can do is to make sure you avoid upsetting them.

**SIBLINGS** You like to run your own show and do not bother to listen to your siblings. The relationship can be good at some times, but since you are so preoccupied you may find yourself avoiding them.

**CHILDREN** YOU imagine that having your own children will be marvelous, but you certainly won't have much time for them. You will have to think twice before having children.

**TRAVELS** YOU are very adventurous; traveling is a must for you. The world's most famous travelers and adventurers are often born in the year of the Tiger.

## FEATURES OF THE TIGER

**HEALTH** YOU are solid and strong, but you might overestimate your own power and strength.

**INVESTMENTS** YOU will make a lot of money, but you also might lose it all if you are too greedy. Try to stay on the line of the Golden Way.

**TALENTS** YOU are a born leader and you know how to get things done. Life is a constant fight to succeed, but you will always win all your battles. You are brave and energetic, and with your sharp mind you will conquer and go far in life.

**PROSPECTS** YOU do a good job and are very meticulous. You are a born leader and possess great skills in management. Life can be up and down, but one thing is certain: yours is never dull.



WHAT KIND OF TIGER ARE YOU?

THE WOOD TIGER 1914, 1974

This is the sitting Tiger; you are both self-confident and brave, and you know well what you want. Life brings you into contact with all kinds of people who are willing to support you. You can be both rich and powerful, but you will have to learn the art of diplomacy.

THE FIRE TIGER 1926, 1986

This is the Tiger staying in the mountain. You are very curious and tend to accumulate a vast amount of knowledge. You are very enterprising - perhaps even a bit restless and impulsive. Often you need ballast in order to slow down and get things done. In the beginning you might think that your life is moving too slowly, but in the end you will have worked things out.

## THE EARTH TIGER 1938, 1998

This is the Tiger on the go. You are strong and even authoritarian. You like to do things in your own way. You generally prefer to listen to yourself rather than to anyone else's good advice. You will have a wonderful and exciting life, but be careful of the many traps around you.

## THE METAL TIGER 1950, 2010

This is the Tiger leaving its mountain. A restless and impulsive person, you are also tolerant and show great generosity to people around you. You are adept at gathering people around you and are a great leader who knows how to use your power and position.

## THE WATER TIGER 1902, 1962

This is the Tiger that comes from the deepest part of the woods. You are both strong and impulsive. You have a tendency to be self-sacrificing and too honest. Life can seem like a constant fight, but you will manage to fight back and get through your problems.

## THE TIGER IN OTHER YEARS

### How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RAT

This year is going to be very special. People around can be very stubborn at the moment, and possibly one person can be particularly so. The best way to deal with this is to remain the balanced, caring and entertaining person that you usually are. This is not the time for you to alter your point of view to accommodate others, even if they think you should. Family and domestic matters may now take up most of your time, leaving you little opportunity to create the practical space you need for your career prospects. Some patience is required, but you might find this hard to discover within yourself just at the moment. Experience and common sense count in most situations.

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE OX

Your personal world has much going for it at present, despite the fact that you could well be very busy at work this year. Actually you tend to be very restless. This period will not suit you too much because you love to get out and about. From the middle of the year onwards, you can make the best of it by stretching your imagination and thinking of something interesting to do. You should now have more time to spend upon the more practical aspects of life and you may even be able to turn difficult situations to your own advantage. It is only a matter of time before you discover that a problem is about to be solved and you will be pleased to get your thinking cap on for the benefit of a friend.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN YOUR OWN YEAR**

You will have a potentially busy time in front of you. A variety of possible interests crowd in on you this year, so much so that you are rather spoiled for choice. At the same time you will need to make up your mind. This is not the moment to contemplate biting off more than you can chew - for once it is very important to be selective. Things are bound to slow down a little bit at the beginning of the year, but this is only short-term. You have a shortage of both energy and time, so it would be sensible to find ways and means of using both rather carefully.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT**

You can make invitations work now. It does not matter if its business or pleasure, you cannot turn them down. Although it is still some way away, at the beginning of the year you may well have your sights firmly fixed on the summer and your hopes for it. With potentially exciting things happening in all areas of life, there is nothing preventing you from being cheerful and quite positive in your general approach. Not everyone is inclined to agree with you at present, but you do have the persuasive powers to bring almost anyone round to your point of view.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON**

Keep an eye on finances, which are probably not very strong at the moment. It will not be long before they improve. However, socially speaking, this time might be rather demanding. In the main you may not really care and could be more than happy to mix and mingle with all manner of people. There are times when you need to withdraw and to spend a few moments on your own. In any case, this year will be both successful and constructive.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE**

Professional and career projects bring certain pressures to bear on you that you could happily do without. Remaining calm and relaxed under most circumstances however, you are likely to allow the slight irritations of the week to alter your perspective. Not everyone around you turns out to be equally helpful. Now you need a greater capacity for self-expression and there are reasons to believe that this is what you discover this year. It is a time of sunshine and showers, no matter what the weather is like outside. But even where slight difficulties do arise, you will have the capacity to deal with them in no time at all.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE HORSE**

This is an excellent time for getting away from the major concerns of the world at large. It will probably mean that for once you become something of a hermit, which will certainly not suit everyone you come across at present. A slow and steady pace gets you gradually closer to some excitement which is waiting for you around the corner. Mutual understanding is very essential this very year. This is going to be a splendid period for reaching agreement with your partner on the best way to handle mutual affairs.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE GOAT**

You will see that worthwhile agreements can be made with people in positions of power. If you play your cards right, you could raise your earnings considerably in the not-too-distant future. People generally will be helpful and most sympathetic to your aims. This is a very constructive period for you. Work will tend to be more easy than usual: you will have no difficulty keeping up with the schedule this year. But it won't be easy to foster teamwork: you will have to rely on yourself more than usual. Although you are good with words, but the gift of the gab may desert you during this period. Health will continue to require more attention.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY**

You will find it difficult to settle down to any job for very long this year. Members of your family will not help matters with the additional demands that they make and their impulsive actions. Affairs far away continue to be rather confused. Sudden, unexpected events could disrupt plans you had for a journey in connection with your business interests. Now you are in a position to make more of your social life than has been the case before. Although it is likely that you still have plenty to do in a practical sense, you may decide to put aside more time to spend in the company of loved ones. This is also a splendid time to plan for some exciting holidays.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER**

Nothing and no one will interfere with your plans during this very constructive year - this will be one of those enjoyable times when you can do exactly as you please. Home and job pressures will be reduced considerably. Get out and about more. If you feel you have been stuck in a rut, take positive action to break the monotony. Trips and visits will be successful, especially if you are visiting friends or relatives you have not seen for some time. Chances are you will be feeling rather clear this year, now that things are going your way.



#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DOG**

This is the first-class year for travel and holidays to new places. At work you will find it easy to get along with influential people you meet for the first time. If you are seeking a new position, you may well be lucky and find the very job that is tailor-made for you. You should try not to arouse too much attention to what you are doing : keep out of the public eye. Secret agreements could pay off for you.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE PIG**

It is vital not to let too many people in on what you are currently negotiating. You can be inclined to gossip, but you must button your lip in order to protect your own interests. What comes to you via the mail is important this year. Business correspondence should not be neglected. In the middle of the year you could be in a fidgety mood, during this rather slow, dull period, but do not act impulsively. Accept the fact that nothing of any great significance is going to take place. Women born under this sign will feel cut off and isolated if stuck at home for any length of time.

**FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN IN THE SIGN OF THE TIGER**

Kofi Annan, Princess Anne, Sir David Attenborough, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, Beethoven, Agatha Christie, Tom Cruise, Charles de Gaulle, Emily Dickinson, Isadora Duncan, Elizabeth II, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Sir Alec Guinness, Hugh Hefner, Charles Lindbergh, Karl Marx, Marilyn Monroe, Demi Moore, Rudolf Nureyev, Marco Polo, Beatrix Potter, Diana Rigg, Lionel Ritchie, Mark Spitz, David Steel, H. G. Wells, Stevie Wonder, Frank Yang, St. Francis Xavier.

THE SIGN OF THE RABBIT

1.29.1903-2.15.1904

THE WATER RABBIT

2.14.1915 -2.2.1916

THE WOOD RABBIT

2.2.1927 -1.22.1928

THE FIRE RABBIT

2.19.1939 -2.7.1940

THE EARTH RABBIT

2.6.1951 -1.26.1952

THE METAL RABBIT

1.25.1963-2.12.1964

THE WATER RABBIT

2.11.1975-1.30.1976

THE WOOD RABBIT

1.29.1987-2.16.1988

THE FIRE RABBIT

2.16.1999-2.4.2000

THE EARTH RABBIT

THE CHINESE NAME FOR THE RABBIT : Tu

THE FOURTH SIGN IN THE CHINESE ZODIAC

THE HOURS THAT THE RABBIT GOVERNS:

5AM-7AM

THE CORRESPONDING SIGN IN THE WESTERN

SYSTEM: SCORPIO

THE FIXED ELEMENT OF THE RABBIT : WOOD

## CHARACTERISTICS **OF THE** RABBIT

When you are born under the sign of the Rabbit, you are born under the sign of virtue. Blessed with an inner mystery that many find both frightening and bewitching, Rabbits have produced such great personalities as Trotsky, George Orwell and perhaps the greatest physicist of all time, Albert Einstein.

You are very sensitive and circumspect in your dealings with everyone you meet, and in addition you have an overpowering need to be in an agreeable environment, so you have the best possible credentials for any office that requires diplomacy. As the Rabbit, you listen carefully when spoken to and can remember in detail any conversation or polite argument. With your keen ear and ability to sit quietly,

you make a superb diplomat and your objective judgement can be a great asset should you choose to take up the legal profession.

You hate quarrels. If you are confronted on any subject outside the sphere of your home and family that is at all serious, you will cave in. If you are the boss, an angry and upsetting scene is the last thing you want. As the Rabbit you have a natural flair for business and will make a name for yourself so long as you avoid too much competition. Your social ease and good manners make you an ideal partner, and are invaluable assets when dealing with people at any level. But the Rabbit, for all your great skill in sniffing out a bargain, does not have an original mind, so you will have to ally yourself with someone who has the imagination and business talents.

Female Rabbits usually have neat, often artistic, handwriting. You spend a lot of time on your often extremely beautiful hair. Most of you let it grow long, especially if it is brunette. And

many of you prefer to live alone than marry for the sake of it, but without a man to care for you may become a little melancholic. Whatever the circumstances, you are friendly and caring, and do everything in your power to make your loved ones feel at home in your presence. However, you are not good at maintaining a focus because you like to get on with a lot of things at one time.

The Rabbit corresponds with luck and fortune, and you will always manage to get things done without too much effort. You are a quick thinker and talented and, if you can let work come before pleasure, then you can go far in life. You will have many good friends, and your life will never be dull.

This year contrasts with its predecessor, the year of the Tiger. Finally, it is time to take things easily and get your breath back. As the dust of the turbulent Tiger begins to settle, a strange but welcome calm will make its presence felt. Gone are the daily calls to join the military and the frantic pursuits of seemingly impossible goals. Now you will discover a quieter, slower-paced world. You do not need to be bold and adventurous any more, there are no Great Walls to be climbed or run, and no one will force you to do something extravagant.

However, don't be fooled into thinking nothing will be achieved. On the contrary, you will be using up a considerable amount of energy in all sorts of places - particularly those concerned with the Rabbit's own comfort. This is the year for fine wines, artistic pursuits and the French will certainly produce their finest fashion collections. In May 1951, King George VI opened the Festival of Britain from the

steps of St. Paul's Cathedral. It was a most remarkable exhibition of British skills, crafts and technology. In 1963, the French managed to produce several wines which received many distinctions world wide. Then again the French clarets of 1975 were also truly outstanding, and were considered by all to be every bit as good as the great vintages.

Although everything seems to be rather calm and stable, something unforeseen could still prove to be a danger and even be the catalyst for disaster and global adversity. In 1939, Great Britain went to war with Germany and attempts to avert the conflict that was to engulf us all proved useless. President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963. He was born in the year of the Snake and so should have taken some security measures to protect himself. When the Snake meets the Rabbit, it can sometimes be a matter of life and death. The Rabbit can also be a peacemaker, and in 1975 the dreadful war in Vietnam came to an end. In 1986, in the

last part of the year of the Rabbit, Gorbachev introduced his Perestroika reforms that contributed to the end of the Soviet Union.

Excluding wars, however, the year of the Rabbit will pass in total harmony. You will certainly have regained your breath and found peace in both mind and spirit.

ASCENDANTS **OF THE RABBIT**

THE HOUR OF THE RAT «ZI» YOU are smart, lovable and well-informed.

II PM - I AM The Rat in you will make you lively and demanding. In other words, you are a Rabbit that is very smart and willing to compromise.

THE HOUR OF THE OX «ZHOU»

**I AM - 3 AM**

The influence of the Ox makes you more independent and self-assured than any other type of Rabbit. Having the strength and self-control of the Ox, you can count on great success. With such a good combination, you are bound to go far in life.

THE HOUR OF THE TIGER «YIN»

**3 AM - 5 AM**

You are a fast thinker. The Tiger in you makes you more aggressive than you would be otherwise. But the Rabbit retains full control.



ASCENDANTS OF THE RABBIT

You are the peace-loving type. You are a person who never takes sides against others because you want to be nice to everyone around you. You are diplomatic and everyone around you loves you.

THE HOUR OF THE RABBIT «MAO»

**5 AM - 7 AM**

You are tough and ambitious. However, you like to do things by yourself. You would prefer to be in charge of others in order to carry out your well-thought plans. In other words you are an enterprising and canny little Rabbit.

THE HOUR OF THE DRAGON «ZHEN»

**7 AM - 9 AM**

You are very unstable, tending to be very thoughtful at some points and rather conceited at others. You do not accept any advice. Furthermore, you are highly sensitive and governed only by your own intuition and emotions.

THE HOUR OF THE SNAKE «SI»

**9 AM - 11 AM**

ASCENDANTS OF THE RABBIT

THE HOUR OF THE HORSE «WU»

**11 AM - 1 PM**

You are a very happy and adventurous Rabbit who enjoys the self-esteem of the Horse. You can make good use of these two signs, because both give you the ability to compete with others and advance in life.

THE HOUR OF THE GOAT «WEI»

**1 1 M - 3 1 M**

The Goat in you makes you more sympathetic and generous. This combination means that you are tolerant and friendly, but unfortunately you tend to spend more money than you have. Try to be careful with your cash.

THE HOUR OF THE MONKEY «SHEN»

**3 1 M - 5 1 M**

This is a cunning and provocative Rabbit. Your intuition and cool personality will be masked by the mischievous Monkey. People around you will have to expect the unexpected from you, because you are a very naughty Rabbit.

You possess a fascinating personality. Here is someone who wants to quarrel and fight meeting someone who is a troubleshooter. You will not allow anyone to get away with anything unless they hear what you have to say - and the others will probably have no other choice but to listen.

You are a more open and friendly Rabbit because of the Dog in you. You will be less self-absorbed and care more for others less fortunate than yourself. You are a very honest, comfortable Rabbit and have many admirers around you.

A solitary animal that is slightly disquieting, but perfectly organized. You act rather mysteriously; no one ever knows what you are really up to. However, you are pleasant and friendly, and when it is needed you can even be very helpful.

ASCENDANTS OF THE RABBIT

THE HOUR OF THE ROOSTER «YU»

**5 PM - 7 PM**

THE HOUR OF THE DOG «XU»

**7 1/2 M - 9 1/2 M**

THE HOUR OF THE PIG «HAI»

**9 PM - 11 PM**

## FEATURES OF THE RABBIT

**QUALITIES** You are quiet, positive and always very charming. However, you can be so preoccupied that you might seem a little bit distant sometimes. Many people will think of you as special, but sometimes difficult to communicate with.

**LUCK** YOU like peace and prefer to be in quiet places. Quarrels and disagreements disturb you and make you very depressed.

**MONEY** YOU are dependent on others' support in order to get by in life. But if you find someone who understands you and is willing to support you, then you can make good money through your own creativity.

**PROFESSION** You are fond of people and can be very shy. You prefer loneliness and solitary peace. You will thrive if you can work on your own, in your own peaceful way.

**SOCIAL LIFE** AS long as you live a protected life, you will get on just fine. But should you be brave enough to try some nightlife, you would actually discover that you like meeting different people after all. Influential friends will flock around you.

**BUSINESS** YOU are sharp-witted and intuitive and see more possibilities than most around you. When you least expect it, you will become very rich.

**LOVE** YOU are very romantic and sentimental, always willing to serve the one you have chosen to be your partner. You know the art of seduction and flirtation and you are always well-dressed. If you are willing to be more adventurous, your powerful charm may help you to attract the perfect partner you are longing for.

**PARENTS** YOU will have lovable and harmonious parents, but because they love you so dearly they can be rather demanding.

**SIBLINGS** You have a good and solid relationship with your siblings as there is much love and understanding between you.

**CHILDREN** YOU are very fond of children, but you believe them to be quite a responsibility. Because of the Rabbit's strong sexuality, you may have many children.

**TRAVELS** You love traveling and exploring the customs and lifestyles in other countries. You are very fond of exotic food and drinks. These experiences would be greatly enhanced with the right partner beside you.

**HEALTH** Usually you have a very delicate body that needs attention and nursing. Do take good care of yourself and avoid unnecessary health risks.

**INVESTMENTS** With your strong intuition you are a master at making money. You will be lucky with your investments; if you can keep a cool head, you will be able to amass a fortune.

**TALENTS** You are intelligent and observant, and can do very well in business. If you make proper use of your charm and tact, you will be able to go far in life.

**PROSPECTS** You will live a happy life because you are good at being attentive to people around you. Your life is never dull, and you see every day as a new challenge.

## WHAT KIND OF RABBIT ARE YOU?

### THE WOOD RABBIT 1915, 1975

This is the spiritual Rabbit. You will become powerful whatever belief system you follow. You will also find yourself a good and resourceful partner and need not worry about your future. You manage well on your own and receive a lot of support from people around you.

### THE FIRE RABBIT 1927, 1987

This is the thinking Rabbit that knows how to make demands. Wise, enterprising, and clever, you carry out your plans to an exceptional standard. Your life is harmonious and comfortable, and your old age will be safe and free from problems.

WHAT KIND OF RABBIT ARE YOU?

### THE EARTH RABBIT 1939, 1999

This is the Rabbit that comes from the deepest part of the woods - a Rabbit that is smart and clever. In your youth you will have some problems, but when you are older, everything will work out all right. You can become both rich and famous.

### THE METAL RABBIT 1951, 2011

This is the Rabbit looking towards the Moon. Involved in many activities and with lots of plans, you are good at exploiting possibilities. You will be powerful when you get older, and in the latter part of your life you will have an enjoyable old age.

### THE WATER RABBIT 1903, 1963

This is the Rabbit that stays in the mountains. You are good at making people notice you. You will have a good life with your family, and your old age will be easy and comfortable.



## THE RABBIT IN OTHER YEARS

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RAT

People will suddenly be most uncooperative this year. It will be difficult to fathom the reasons why your superiors are refusing to support your ideas. It may be rather boring for you, but it would be in your very best interests to deal solely with routine. It is unlikely that you will make any money from speculative ventures right now. Relatives will be overly sensitive. Be careful that your slow mind and loose tongue do not get you into hot water. What you say could easily be taken the wrong way by an older member of your family who has not been feeling well recently. Avoid emotional scenes at all costs. This is a good week for work that requires mental agility.

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE OX

Now you have the chance to use your imagination. The best sort of work to concentrate on in this year is that which gives you an opportunity to make full use of your natural artistic talent. Keep out the way of superiors. Influential people will be awkward and not willing to grant favors. Although you may visualize all sorts of idealistic concepts, you may be striving now for what is beyond the bounds of practicality. Home life needs to be handled with common sense. Arguments within the household may be unavoidable as a prelude to sorting out your domestic problems. Even plans now in the making are likely to dissolve completely.

## THE RABBIT IN OTHER YEARS

### **How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE TIGER**

After a very constructive year last year, this year will continue the theme and will also be a time of consolidation. Many interesting projects await the Tiger and throughout the year you would do well to act boldly and with determination. The Tiger will see many of your dreams come true and out of these efforts will come new and interesting opportunities and rewards which you can turn to your advantage. There is also a longer trip awaiting you, and if you get this opportunity to travel to a far-off place, you should say yes to this invitation. However, pay close attention to all documents before you go on the trip in order to avoid unexpected complications. Friends around you will be helpful and you need to receive all support with thanks.

### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN YOUR OWN YEAR**

The year will begin calmly. This rather restful year will come as a welcome break. Slow down, as you can allow your nerves to get rather wound up on occasion. There will be nothing to interfere with your regular duties. Do not try to start anything new. Conditions will be far too quiet to branch out with new ideas. People born under this sign who have been suffering from a minor ailment should be able to get satisfactory treatment now.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON**

Unforeseen opposition from a loved one has to be handled sensitively. Do not be selfish. Be sure that you devote a fair amount of time to members of your family. There is much to do around the house that will increase its value. At the same time you have a tendency to overvalue yourself, and this is not a good year to try to drum up support for new projects. It will be easy to concentrate on paperwork. Use your time to bring the books up-to-date. Be sure that you have paid all bills. Get your financial situation into some semblance of order.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE**

This is a slow year where you have to be on guard against deceptive influences. Marital difficulties have to be faced. You and your spouse or partner will have some trouble reaching agreement. It will be difficult to overcome differences where trust has been damaged. Money is apt to be at the root of your problems at the moment. Do not try to start anything new. Conditions will be far too quiet to put new ideas into practise. People born under this sign who have been suffering from a minor ailment should be able to get satisfactory treatment now.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE HORSE**

Restraint is vital in all matters connected with money. Pay small bills. Check your bank statement. Try to discover exactly how you stand as far as savings are concerned. Do what you can to explain the situation to the more extravagant members of your family. This is not a time when any of your brood can afford to go on a spending spree. There will be a number of items to deal with in faraway places. Deal with these personally, as this will be much more effective than trying to sort out issues by telephone or letter. The personal touch is needed now. Useful information can be obtained that will enable you to further your creative projects.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE GOAT**

You have to be careful this year. Being a quick-witted person, you are not usually taken in by other people. However, someone you thought you could trust may be out to deceive you in one way or another. A colleague of long standing may wish to borrow money. Do not lend cash without knowing exactly when you are going to get it back and by what method the payment will be made. If you do not protect yourself where it counts, you could end up the loser. Devote some time to creative work that gives you an opportunity to make good use of your active imagination.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY**

This will be quite a busy year with a lot of possibilities. However you will probably have more time to yourself than is usual for a working period and now it is the moment to seize the initiative. There are many jobs that you can complete around the house. Creative projects can be advanced a step. Romance will have a special place in your heart this year. Actually, you might feel restless, and it is now that you can keep extravagant impulses in check. Hold spending within reasonable limits. Do not lay out a large sum on a hobby that you have only recently taken up; you may soon get bored with it. It is wise to keep future security firmly in mind, which will help to conserve money.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER**

This year will be marked by a lack of activity and you might find it boring. Nothing of any significance will take place, nor should you attempt to make anything special. Deal with the backlog of work that has piled up. There are minor chores that you have been avoiding; this period affords a first-class opportunity to put your affairs in order. You are surrounded by people who are not very reliable. Before setting off on a journey, check to be sure the people you are going to see remember the engagement. If you are careful, things will work out right for you.

## THE RABBIT IN OTHER YEARS

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DOG

You will have a pleasant year ahead together with those in your immediate circle. Problems that have been in the back of your mind will be easier to deal with. Have a frank chat with your beloved. Explain what has been worrying you. It would be best to bring differences out into the open and clear the air now. Chances are you will be drawn closer to your partner than has been the case for some time. Creative work will become important this year. In the last part of the year you will not be able to agree with your mate or parent on the way to spend leisure time. Your ideas are unlikely to be acceptable to members of your family. Once you reach a compromise, it should be possible to enjoy the holiday activity.

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE PIG

During the year there will be first-class opportunities to shine at your place of employment. The best way to catch the eye of your boss is by showing that you are industrious and can knuckle down to a job. There is much that you can do to dispel any doubts about your reliability. Prove that you can grit your teeth and keep up to schedule. At times you will find this year to be rather erratic. Suddenly you will be more dependent than usual on others. There are likely to be delays due to latecomers at the office or factory. No matter how irritated you are by your colleagues, try not to lose your temper. Associates will be impulsive. Do not count on people keeping promises made verbally.

FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN IN **THE** YEAR OF THE RABBIT

Prince Albert, Idi Amin, Harry Belafonte,  
Ingrid Bergman, Kong Bhumibol, Lewis  
Carroll, Fidel Castro, John Cleese, Confucius,  
Marie Curie, Moshe Dayan, Albert Einstein,  
David Frost, Cary Grant, Oliver Hardy, Bob  
Hope, Whitney Houston, John Hurt, Michael  
Keaton, John Keats, Julian Lennon, Arthur  
Miller, Walter Mondale, Roger Moore, Tatum  
O'Neal, Birgitte Nielsen, Christina Onassis,  
George Orwell, Eva Peron, Takeshi Saito, Jane  
Seymour, Neil Simon, Dusty Springfield, Josef  
Stalin, Sting, Leon Trotsky, Queen Victoria,  
Andy Warhol, Orson Wells, Norman Wisdom.

THE SIGN OF THE DRAGON



2. 16.1904 - 2.3.1905

THE WOOD DRAGON

2.3. 1916 - 1.22.1917

THE FIRE DRAGON

1.13.1928 - 2.9.1929

THE EARTH DRAGON

2.8.1940 - 1.26.1941

THE METAL DRAGON

1.27.1952 - 2.13.1953

THE WATER DRAGON

2.13.1964 - 2.1.1965

THE WOOD DRAGON

2.31.1976 - 2.17.1977

THE FIRE DRAGON

17.2.1988 - 5.2.1989

THE EARTH DRAGON

2.5.2000 - 1.23.2001

THE METAL DRAGON

THE CHINESE NAME FOR THE DRAGON: LUNG

THE FIFTH SIGN IN THE CHINESE ZODIAC

THE HOURS THAT THE DRAGON GOVERNS

OVER: 7AM - 9 AM

CORRESPONDING SIGN IN THE WESTERN

SYSTEM: LIBRA

THE FIXED ELEMENT OF THE DRAGON: WOOD

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DRAGON

You are very fortunate if you are born under this sign. Most Chinese people prefer the year of the Dragon because it denotes luck, good health, and status. The Dragon has always been the symbol of the Chinese emperor, the Son of Heaven, and you should consider yourself fortunate to have the Dragon as your birth symbol. You are very proud and lively and radiate a strong sense of self-confidence. It is quite obvious that you are intelligent and quick to utilize all the possibilities open to you. You are ambitious and determined in everything you do, and you are a perfectionist. You tend to be somewhat prickly and arrogant and you set yourself high standards. This is a must for you and you will always reach the top if you

have made up your mind to follow any career.

You take everything very seriously and don't have time for trivial things. You don't mind voicing your criticisms if it means getting things done the right way. You are direct and sometimes tend to be less diplomatic than you could be. You can also be very naive but if someone has abused your confidence, you will not forget and will hit back later.

You are elegant and have a pleasing outlook. Your outgoing and positive manner in particular means you will have no difficulty in attracting attention and publicity. You are good at being in the limelight and love to handle difficult questions and work under pressure.

Your energy seems to be limitless and you

work hard in order to get what you want. However you tend to live for the moment and do not take into account the consequences of what you do. You dislike waiting. Patience is not your finest quality and you hate to see unfinished tasks.

You have a lot of confidence and strong self-belief. Though this might lead you to make some mistakes at times, you are quick to make reparation and corrections. You will always be blessed with luck and fortune and you will seldom suffer. Your personality can be aggressive on occasion and with such willpower and a strong desire to get to the top, you are bound for success.

However, you have a strong belief in your own judgement and easily overrule good advice.

You prefer to be very independent and show others what you are good at. Unsurprisingly, it will take some time for you to choose the right partner before you settle down. There will be no lack of admirers, and your elegance and charisma will attract a lot of people. As a Dragon you will find people born in the year of the Snake, the Rat, the Monkey, and the Rooster very interesting and compatible. You will also have a fair chance with the Horse, the Goat, the Ox, and the Pig. But try at all costs to avoid a Dog or a Tiger. If not, you will soon discover that you will have too many differences and keeping up a relationship with one of them can be difficult.

The female Dragon is responsible, intelligent and possesses an iron will and energy that

many will envy. No job is too small; you are good at keeping things on track at home and out in your career. You are a hard worker and know how to make use of your time. You like to work at home and also elsewhere among other people.

You have many varied interests, like being out in the open and love sports. You are particularly attracted to nature and water. The best pilots are born under this sign, as the Dragon just loves to fly. To travel to unknown places is your passion, and you are very adventurous. Success will literally fall into your lap; all you have to do is to make use of all possibilities. Your positive attitude will earn you many friends and you will always be the center of attention. Your charm is often a

source of inspiration to other people around you. In other words, you are very successful with a lot of exciting adventures ahead of you.

## THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON

This is the year that brings with it an array of dazzling events. The Chinese often link themselves to the prosperous and lucky Dragon. In China, New Year is marked by an exotic paper and tinsel replica of the Dragon being paraded through the streets, to symbolize the passing of one year and the birth of a new. The New Year will often begin with news of a major or extraordinary event. In the early days of 1928, Corinth was destroyed by an earthquake; in February 1952, King George VI died, and in 1976 an earthquake almost destroyed the whole Tang Shan. This happened at the same time as Mao Tze Tung passed away. In the same year, the world's first supersonic passenger aircraft went into service. In every aspect of the year

of the Dragon, one thing is certain-everything that happens will be larger than life and as colorful and noisy as a firework display.

The Chinese adore the Dragon because it is a symbol of good fortune in finance. Many Chinese also want to give birth to children in the year of the Dragon. In 1988 there were almost 80,000 newborn babies in Hong Kong. In 1964 the Beatles were the first artists in the world to sell one million copies of a record before it even was released. The Dragon is said to bring luck to everyone. We can all expect huge profits, politicians will win elections with huge majorities, and as for affairs of the heart, Cupid will be rushed off his tiny winged feet. It is time to throw caution to the wind, lose our skepticism and trust the golden leader of the

carnival parade. In every sense, whether you choose to join in or watch from the sidelines, the year will be a non-stop carousel. Opportunities will unfold in front of you; every door will be wide open. Like the streets in the tale of Dick Whittington, the ground beneath our feet will be paved with gold. All we have to do is to scoop it up. But do not hesitate, because the year only has twelve months and comes around but once in every twelve years.

The end of the year will be a repeat of the beginning. In October 1976, the biggest coalfield in the world was opened in Selby, Yorkshire. On December 29, 1940, London was set ablaze by Hitler's incendiary bombs, and the Guildhall and no less than eight of Wren's churches were burnt to the ground. The

Chinese martial artist icon, Bruce Lee, was also born in the year of the Dragon. He made his last film, Enter the Dragon, before he suddenly passed away. We will see a lot of Dragons coming and going, and this will certainly not be the last time they light up the sky.

ASCENDANTS OF THE DRAGON

THE HOUR OF THE RAT «ZI»

II PM - I AM

This is an extremely positive alliance for the Dragon. Combine the Rat's intuition and intelligence with the strength of the Dragon and you are never a loser. The Dragon in you loves to be adored, adulated and admired. The Rat's passion will act like a balm on the Dragon's scales, as cool rain on hot, dry breath.

THE HOUR OF THE OX «ZHOU»

I AM - 3 AM

The Dragon is synonymous with luck, and you are extremely intelligent but are inclined to impose your own patterns of life on others. With the Ox in you, you will be forced to keep your feet on the ground and carry out your tasks step-by-step. You are a great leader everyone should take seriously.

**3 AM - 5 AM**

With this kind of combination you will be audacious, and equipped with a lively and shrewd intelligence. You will be a seductive prince endowed with a complex mind, a mysterious being gliding among fairy-like worlds and parallel universes. In other words you may be a dreamer, but you can also be a conqueror of new lands if you apply your imagination.

The Tiger will awaken the Dragon sleeping in a deep magic grotto. The Dragon will often provoke the Tiger to combat. You are a person who would apply your claws and formidable teeth, sometimes spitting fire to get by.

You are full of energy and never rest. The path of your life is strewn with volcanic upheavals and tumultuous torrents. You will have to learn to relax, otherwise you may fall through the cracks along the way.

**5 AM - 7 AM****7 AM - 9 AM**



## ASCENDANTS OF THE DRAGON

THE HOUR OF THE SNAKE «SI»

**9 AM - 11 AM**

You are a lucky and canny animal, a traveler on whom fortune will smile, and what you cannot obtain by force or charm, you will obtain by malice and enchantment. In other words you are a formidable beast. You will bring a air of mystery to the relationship with your partner who will shiver either with pleasure or with fear.

THE HOUR OF THE HORSE «Wu»

**11 AM - 1 PM**

Riding may have its charm, but there are inherent dangers in climbing on a Dragon, which is best avoided if you have the Horse in you. This is an exciting combination in which you combine elegance with opportunism and luck with lively intelligence. Few can mount you, and you are destined to ride on your own and make a great success of your life.

## ASCENDANTS OF THE DRAGON

The Goat in you brings reality and substance to the Dragon's wildest dreams, offering you fantasy, imagination and a sense of the marvellous on a platter of clouds. The often serious Dragon will learn to relax and enjoy himself. You are a Dragon that loves comfortable living without sorrows.

THE HOUR OF THE GOAT «WEI»

**1 PM - 3 PM**

Possessing a combination of supreme giftedness and a talent and taste for walking the tightrope, the Dragon/Monkey - a valiant and fearless guardian - will never unbuckle his armour. You are always prepared for war and your days and nights are spent in a state of alertness. You have charm and brilliance and your intelligence is remarkable, but your main defect is your immoderate pride.

THE HOUR OF THE MONKEY «SHEN»

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ASCENDANTS OF THE DRAGON

THE HOUR OF THE ROOSTER «YU»

**5 PM - 7 PM**

You feel at ease in a high position, both in the geographic and the hierarchical sense of the term. You prefer the top of the tower or a top floor with a terrace. You will always be in front and like nothing better than an opportunity to dominate, control, and supervise under all circumstances.

THE HOUR OF THE DOG «XU»

**7 PM - 9 PM**

You are the one who inspires confidence - and with reason: a person can trust your friendship and rely on your words. You are a loyal, dedicated and faithful animal who appreciates the luck available for you throughout life.

THE HOUR OF THE PIG «HAI»

**9 PM - 11 PM**

With the Pig alongside the Dragon, you are a solitary wanderer, seeking a treasure that perhaps you did not know how to protect. You will tend to gain material and spiritual wealth, and your life will never be dull.

## FEATURES OF THE DRAGON

**QUALITIES** YOU are charming, positive, and enterprising. However, you have a tendency to run your own show and can be very demanding and authoritarian. Others will find you a little bit too tough and at times difficult to work with.

**LUCK** YOU appreciate the small joys in life, but you are also keen to gain the status and power you want to possess in order to get by.

**MONEY** Clever and smart, you are good at making money and whatever you touch turns to gold. If you learn to take one step at a time, you will certainly become very rich and famous.

**PROFESSION** YOU enjoy being with others, but you can be very manipulative when it suits you. Though you do not like to be alone, you thrive at the top and keep control of what is going on around you.

**SOCIAL LIFE** Life is just wonderful. You meet a lot of people that are influential and who are willing to give you a hand and support you.

**BUSINESS** YOU are sharp-witted and prefer to think before you leap. Of course you will always see the possibilities that are available to you - and you will always have luck on your side.

**LOVE** YOU are romantic and seem to be very attractive to the opposite sex. You are always willing to make some extra effort for the ones you love. You know the art of flirting and know how to make people notice you. You can be sure that, as your charm is both deadly and irresistible, you will get the upper hand.

**PARENTS** YOU have loving parents, but they might demand too much of you because they believe that you have the ability to become rich and powerful.

**SIBLINGS** You will have a good relationship with them, as you know exactly what they want - and besides they look up to you and want you to succeed.

**CHILDREN** You are fond of children and can conceive many, but you are also aware of what follows after you have produced a child. You will be a good parent to your children, and will be conscientious and loving toward them.

**TRAVELS** YOU like traveling and are particularly fond of being entertained. Exploring new places is something you really enjoy. You prefer to have your partner with you when you are on the go - that means you love to share happiness with your chosen one.

**HEALTH** YOU are strong and never get sick. The Dragon is so robust that you really can look forward to a long life with great happiness with people that you love and care for.

**INVESTMENTS** Your investments never fail, and if you are not too greedy and selfish, you will always make very good money.

**PROSPECTS** YOU will have a very happy life if you can guard against being selfish. Your life is never dull, and you take every day as a new challenge. You love being alive and enjoy every second of life.

## WHAT KIND OF DRAGON ARE YOU?

### THE FIRE DRAGON 1916, 1976

This is the Dragon in the sky; you will both become powerful and famous. There is a great chance for you to find an outstanding partner and when the time comes you may achieve great wealth and fortune. You manage well on your own and do not need any help from outsiders.

### THE EARTH DRAGON 1928, 1988

This is the Dragon that does not make any unnecessary demands. You are enterprising and knowledgeable in many fields. At work you know exactly how to get things properly done. At the beginning of your life you might have a turbulent period, but when you get older, life for you will be easy and comfortable.

## THE METAL DRAGON 1940, 2000

This is the Dragon with a bad temper. Luckily, you are both wise and brave and you can develop into a leader. Your life goes up and down at the beginning, but you will gain greater stability in the end. Your old age will be prosperous and comfortable.

## THE WATER DRAGON 1952, 2012

This is the Dragon that is to be found high up in the rainclouds. There is a lot going on and it is noisy up there, but you do know how to take advantage of any situation in which you find yourself. You will have an exciting life, and your old age will be calm and comfortable.



## THE WOOD DRAGON 1904, 1964

This is the Dragon that likes to go to parties. You are good at getting things done, both for yourself and your nearest and dearest. You will have a life full of excitement that is free of danger and difficulty. Your partner, whom you will meet late in life, will appreciate you greatly

## THE DRAGON IN OTHER YEARS

### How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RAT

You can go into top gear this year. Problems that currently weigh you down will seem insignificant. Your change of attitude is likely to be connected to excellent news regarding your future career prospects. Your confidence will receive a boost from an unexpected source. Useful agreements can be made. People are always attracted to your lively wit and enigmatic personality, but now you will find that you are getting even more attention. Your romantic partners will enjoy themselves more than they thought possible. Concentrate on the personal side of life. Career-wise, everything should be in good shape this year.

#### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE OX

Continue to be extremely careful about your financial situation this year. Do not leave anything to chance where cash is concerned. Investments made now are unlikely to bring in anticipated returns. This is not a time to look for easy ways of making a profit. Stick to familiar surroundings. You will not achieve much if you attempt to drum up support for your ideas in other groups. If you earn your living through buying and selling, you may find your earnings dropping considerably, especially if most of your income comes through commissions. Relatives will be argumentative. Try to keep out of arguments that lead nowhere.

#### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE TIGER

The year ahead of you favors manual work done alone. All those born under this sign who exert physical energy in a job should be able to increase their earnings. Tasks that usually take a long time can be completed satisfactorily in record time. This is also a very good time to conclude private business deals. You should feel rested. This may be a very unsettling period for both single and married people. Partnerships will show sign of being less secure than you imagined. The business part of your life is also likely to be more sensitive than ever. In general, it will be unwise to take any impulsive actions during the year.

## THE DRAGON IN OTHER YEARS

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT

Squabbles about money early in the year may have to be sorted out. Arguments with friends are likely to occur over cash. There may be some difference of opinion concerning a recent debt. The amount is apt to be small, however, so it should not cause any lasting bad feeling. Although this will be an uneventful period, unpredictable people could play havoc with your plans. An outing you have long been looking forward to may have to be postponed at the last moment due to your partner's unpredictability. You will have to look out for many difficulties during the year, especially within personal relationships.

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN YOUR OWN YEAR

You have a great chance of succeeding where you have failed in the past. Do all that you can to fulfill your personal desires and plans. Where romance is concerned, be much more bold. Take the initiative and you will be rewarded. During the year there will be opportunities to advance your career, but this will not be a happy or a memorable time. Problems connected with your home and family will be uppermost in your mind. Creative projects will have a disappointing financial outcome.

#### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE

Try new ways to solve problems with loved ones during the year. You should be able to put time aside to seek knowledge that would ease worries regarding home and family. Older relatives may offer some good advice. It is a time for listening to people with more experience than you have. Your quick-thinking mind could help beat competitors to the punch. It is a case of the early bird catching the worm. The worm in question is likely to be a promotion that leads to better working conditions and better pay. The Co-operation that you receive from loved ones will enable you to put domestic worries out of your mind and concentrate on essentials.

#### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE HORSE

Do not offer to help people when you have a great deal scheduled in the year. Do not rely too much on the integrity of others, as you may be let down. Romance will not be happy at this time. Someone you have secretly admired may make it clear to you in no uncertain terms that they are not interested in more than friendship.

## THE DRAGON IN OTHER YEARS

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE GOAT

Although resourceful, you are sometimes poorly equipped for dogged persistence this year. You can let your imagination have full rein by all means, but also be practical when it comes to weighing relative values - especially financial values. Any work that you tackle at home will add to the worth of your property. Try to handle small jobs yourself rather than calling in a handyman. This is not a period when you can afford to let the emotional side of your nature get the upper hand. Problems connected with loved ones must be put out of mind. There is little that you can do now to lessen the worries that are confronting relatives. Purely practical matters must take precedence.

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY

As long as you avoid gambling in any shape or form, you should be reasonably pleased with events. Right now you feel as if a great burden has been lifted from your shoulders. Your partner will now be able to cope far better with their own responsibilities. This is also a good year for romance and to add to your family if you are thinking of having children.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER**

This is a good time to spend more on your business in order to increase profits. Invest in what will save time and labor. Do not leave cash in the bank that could be put to good use. Regular work contains no unexpected problems. You focus on romance during the year. One thing is sure: safety rules must be strictly followed. Accidents will occur if you do not keep your mind on the job at hand. Machinery must be operated with special care. Do not allow talkative associates to distract your attention. Travel could also be rather hazardous this period, especially if you are thinking of driving to far-off places.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DOG**

This is very special year, in which you may have some trouble sorting out relationships. The balance can be restored. This is an excellent time for getting on the right wavelength with your partner. You will find loved ones prepared to see your point of view. At the same time do not take anything or anyone for granted. Relatives will be unpredictable. Your mate may not wish to go through with plans you agreed on for the year. Even though you previously asked their opinions and made the arrangements, you may find your beloved not willing to go along with your ideas for pleasure and entertainment. All you need to do is wait for better times.

## THE DRAGON IN OTHER YEARS

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE **PIG**

Co-operation is needed at your place of employment. Those of you who feel that a salary increase is well overdue nevertheless must not put in for a raise on your own. Unity is important. Get together with people who hold jobs similar to your own and who earn similar wages. You have a greater chance of getting your request granted if you are able to speak with more than one voice. Much care is needed in handling money. Do not allow recent success to go to your head. Stick to your present lifestyle. You feel the urge to act like a big shot, but do not be tempted - do not throw your money around in an attempt to make a good impression.

## FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON

Princess Alexandra of Denmark, Joan of Arc, Jeffrey Archer, Joan Baez, Michael Barrymore, Count Basie, Julie Christie, James Coburn, King Constantine, Bing Crosby, Salvador Dali, Kirk Douglas, Marlene Dietrich, Deng Xiao-Ping, Prince Edward, King Constantin, Sigmund Freud, John Lennon, Edward Heath, Tom Jones, Martin Luther King, Francois Mitterand, Friedrich Nietzsche, Florence Nightingale, Nick Nolte, Al Pacino, Elaine Page, Pél  , Vladimir Putin, Ronaldo, Ringo Starr, Princess Stephanie of Monaco, Haile Selassie, Karlheinz Stockhausen, Shirley Temple, Katherine KF Yang, Kaare Willoch.



**THE SIGN OF THE SNAKE**

2.4.1905–1.24.1906

THE WOOD SNAKE

1.23.1917–2.10.1918

THE FIRE SNAKE

2.10.1929–1.29.1930

THE EARTH SNAKE

2.27.1941–2.14.1942

THE METAL SNAKE

2.14.1953–2.2.1954

THE WATER SNAKE

2.2.1965–1.20.1966

THE WOOD SNAKE

2.18.1977–2.6.1978

THE FIRE SNAKE

2.6.1989–1.26.1990

THE EARTH SNAKE

1.24.2001–2.11.2001

THE METAL SNAKE

THE CHINESE NAME FOR THE SNAKE : SI

THE SIXTH SIGN IN THE CHINESE ZODIAC

THE HOURS THAT THE SNAKE GOVERNS:

9AM - 11AM

CORRESPONDING SIGN IN THE WESTERN

SYSTEM: VIRGO

THE FIXED ELEMENT OF THE SNAKE : FIRE

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SNAKE

You are endowed with both wisdom and beauty in equal proportions. Your mind is forever active as you seek the answers to many universal questions. You are always well organized, alert and reflective. People born under this sign are elegant, beautiful and know the art of seduction. As a Snake, your childhood will be happy as long as calm reigns within the family; otherwise this period could be extremely difficult. Your youth will be free of problems. In maturity you will be at the mercy of all kinds of passions and your emotional life will often be unstable. In old age you will finally profit from your wisdom, although the fires of love will die slowly and are likely to cause you problems for a long time.

Snakes are intuitive - one can even speak of a «sixth sense.» As the Snake, you instinctively know things before they occur and detect the inner thoughts of others as you talk with them. All this, along with imagination and mental alertness, provides a formidable armory for life's battles.

Your behaviour is calm and peaceful as you love harmony and stability. You are also adaptable, well-balanced and blessed with a firm will which you reveal without hesitation when your moral or material comfort is threatened. You are just as swift to retaliate if someone steps on your tail. When you do not have anything to do, you can be amazingly lazy - you will tend to take it easy and go to sleep, waking very late the following morning.

As the Snake you are lucky and often win your battles - happily for you as you are a bad loser. You take failure as a personal affront and do not tolerate insults. At the same time you are a good advisor, understanding and far-sighted,

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SNAKE

who likes to help your friends - as long as money is not involved, for you can be very stingy. But you adore being asked for help. However, you do have some defects because you do not like to listen to a word of what is being said to you. Nor do you take any advice; you like to run your own show.

As a Lady Snake you are exclusive and jealous, and love to feel you are the center of your partner's world. Fidelity is another question. You have a very individual conception of it, but under most circumstances you prefer to retain a minimum of liberty and independence.

Both male and female Snakes have a profound need to please and to attract, and when you do that you truly know you exist. It is natural for you to be charming, but don't take advantage of this. You can both find yourselves jealous and are likely to be distant from one another. As Snakes you are sensual and passionate, and blossom in a relationship based as much on physical compatibility as on communication.

As the Snake you love money because it gives you the lifestyle you want, surrounding yourself with pretty objects, holidaying around the world, buying expensive clothes and all the books and records you might wish. And whatever you want and desire, you will get! Being a lucky and determined social climber, you can be counted on to achieve a certain affluence in your lifestyle. You rarely lack money. You are the most opportunistic of all Chinese signs and you know you will ignore the minor attractions in favor of the main prize.

## THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE

The beginning of this year often depends largely on how the Dragon left the preceding year. If all its grandiose schemes are successful, then the Snake's year will automatically continue in the same vein. If not, then the early months of the year will be uncertain and possibly very dangerous. In March 1917, the Russian revolution took place, and in the same month, a day later in fact, in 1941, USA declared war on Germany.

Otherwise we would expect the year of the Snake to follow the rhythm and pattern of the Snake itself. The Snake moves elegantly and carefully. In 1953 Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing crept slowly forward in order to be the first to get to the top of the Mount Everest. This is also a year for planning and philosophical considerations as most of the world's greatest philosophers were born in the year of the Snake. You will find Confucius, Aristotle, Mao Tse Tung, Abraham Lincoln

and Mahatma Gandhi as great examples. Furthermore the Snake is actually very stylish and beautiful with her colors and patterns and this will be a wonderful year for art of any kind. Everything dealing with colors and music will be very hot this year. Those artists with a beautiful face and a good voice will certainly reach the top. The year of the Snake is reserved for the beautiful and artistic people. There are so many possibilities here; you can even unearth treasures. The price of gold, oil and commodities of all shapes and sizes will either hit the sky, or they will fall through the floor. The American Depression and Wall Street Crash both happened in 1929. And America was dragged into World War II by the sudden attack on Pearl Harbor from from the air in 1941. The same happened again on September 11, 2001. President Bill Clinton and I spoke of the danger about terrorism early in the 21st century, and it was sad that our prediction proved to be right.

## THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE

The Chinese Astrological Cycle is a 60 year cycle so as a rule events in the next 60 year cycle get progressively more forceful than those in the last.

However, this is also a good year for thinking about love and romance. You will notice that love always comes along in the year of the Snake; all you need to do is to get hold of it. It will be an affair that you will not regret nor forget. Gossip and intrigue will flourish in the year of the Snake, so just go ahead and participate. But this is not the right year for gambling. Speculation will not be tolerated, so my best advice to you would be to hang on to your money and wait for a better year.

**II PM - I AM**

You are very lucky; the Snake and the Rat are like two brothers, but they fight each other mercilessly. Their territory is identical, but they have won it with bites and scratches, venom and trickery. You will always remain a mysterious reptile, coiled up under a stone, waiting to be dragged into perilous labyrinths.

The Ox in you will often be disorientated by the aggressiveness of the Snake. As the peaceful Ox you have your eyes fixed on the blue line of the horizon and do not quite understand the behaviour of the reptile. Although the Serpent disconcerts you, you will certainly learn that there are paths that you must sometimes avoid.

**I AM - 3 AM**

ASCENDANTS OF THE RABBIT

THE HOUR OF THE TIGER «YIN» YOU are the professional charmer, crafty and

3 AM - 5 AM sly if the need arises, capable of biting and

releasing venom in order to attain your ends.

But at the same time the Tiger in you fights

the Snake fiercely, and at times you are at a

loss what to do. Either you are very confident

and optimistic, or you are depressed

and uncertain.

THE HOUR OF THE RABBIT «MAO» YOU are a strange creature whose head is not

5 AM - 7 AM easily distinguished from its tail. You fall in

love with anything unusual, although you

are not at heart an adventurer. You prefer

daydreaming about traveling while curled up

in a soft armchair. At times, you tend to be very

lazy and too easygoing.



ASCENDANTS OF THE RABBIT

The combination of the Snake with this lucky and canny animal makes you a traveler on whom fortune will smile, and what you cannot obtain by force or charm you will obtain by malice and enchantment. You are a commander-in-chief who understands the application of strategy and tactics.

THE HOUR OF THE DRAGON «ZHEN»

**7** AM - **9** AM

Whether you are a rattlesnake, cobra, or adder, you will prefer detours and by-ways to the main road. But the result will be the same; you will arrive - slowly but surely - at the goal you have fixed for yourself. You will be unable to avoid complications in life, but you will manage in the end.

THE HOUR OF THE SNAKE «SI»

**9** AM - **11** AM

You are a wise dandy, combining elegance and hard work with a highly developed moral standards which can sometimes conflict with your pride, for you are a bad loser and cannot accept failure.

THE HOUR OF THE HORSE «WU»

**11** AM - **1** PM

THE HOUR OF THE GOAT «WEI»

**1 PM - 3 PM**

It certainly will be fatal to fall in love with you as it is impossible to expect fidelity from this Snake and Goat combination. In life you will enjoy plenty of good luck and have the advantage of good taste and a capacity for finesse, but your instability will be a burden for you through life.

THE HOUR OF THE MONKEY «SHEN»

**3 PM - 5 PM**

You will be rational and a good organizer, but you will not be able to conceal your feelings of superiority which, unless you take care, will cause you major problems. This combination is talkative, courageous and, at times, a liar. However, your ability and subtlety are major trump cards for you.

An intuitive and frank animal, you will accomplish your tasks with generosity of heart, goodwill, and honesty - thus correcting the Snake's tendency to side-track. But it will not stop you being uneasy. You will have a need to shine and surround yourself with costly and beautiful things. It may appear superficial, but it is vital for your morale.

THE HOUR OF THE ROOSTER «YU»

**5 PM - 7 PM**

You have a keen moral sense, are intuitive, but have a tendency to be pessimistic. Life with you can be very complicated. You are the kind to torment yourself to excess, announcing the onset of a hurricane at the least rising wind, or a deluge after a few drops of rain. But this combination also makes you courageous and warm, and you understand the meaning of faithfulness.

THE HOUR OF THE DOG «XU»

**7 1 M - 9 M**

While you are peaceful, secretive and sensitive, you are also a bad loser. You prefer solitude to risking failure. You tend to have difficulties in making any decisions. Sometimes the Pig in you will trick the Snake, bringing trouble.

THE HOUR OF THE PIG «HAI»

**9 1 M - 11 1 M**

## FEATURES OF THE SNAKE

**QUALITIES** YOU pay close attention to detail and are self-controlled, but you tend to be conceited and egotistical. Remember it is wise of you to think of others as well and not just of yourself all the time. Just like the Snake, you are both sensitive and smart.

**LUCK** YOU prefer to make things happen on your own and you make an effort to get on in life. It is very seldom that you will have any problems in love as you are always focused when it comes to the opposite sex.

**MONEY** YOU work best on your own terms and you look after your resources carefully. You may be very rich later in life.

**PROFESSION** You are an excellent administrator and adept at putting ideas into action. You are also a good advisor and counsellor as you can always see things from different angles.

**SOCIAL LIFE** YOU enjoy going out and being in your own company equally - in other words, it is up to you to decide what you like to do on any particular day.

**BUSINESS** YOU are observant and capable; you always see possibilities and manage to hang on to them. Your life is a constant challenge and you manage to stay on top in any situation, no matter how difficult.

LOVE YOU are demanding and you will invest time in finding the right partner. You often have impossibly high standards and it would be wise to be more realistic in your expectations.

PARENTS You will usually have loving parents, but you like to do things your own way. Some Snakes will have very strict parents and a difficult childhood.

SIBLINGS You often have a good relationship with them if you don't try to be dominant. But you are kind and willing to sacrifice to make things work.

CHILDREN YOU love your children dearly and would do anything for them, though you might end up hurting yourself in the process. You strive for a harmonious family life with your loved ones.

TRAVELS Traveling is a must; it is both a joy and a passion. You like to meet new people and go to new places. In other words, you are adventurous.

HEALTH Your health is good, but you can be at risk of suffering stress and allergies if you are not careful. You need to chew your food properly before swallowing. If not, you will get some digestive problems.

INVESTMENTS YOU are a speculator and know exactly when and how to invest in order to make a good profit.

PROSPECTS If you are a bit less demanding and speculative, your friends will flock around you and you will lead a very good and prosperous life.

**WHAT KIND OF SNAKE ARE YOU?**  
**THE EARTH SNAKE 1929, 1989**

This is a happy Snake, reasonable and wise,  
but active, with the prospect of a good future.  
You are lucky in your choice of partner, and  
Lady Luck will smile on you.

### THE METAL SNAKE 1941, 2001

This is the sleeping Snake. You are clever but too sensitive, while at the same time ambitious enough to handle any kind of opportunity. It is seldom that you make mistakes but, should you at first fail, you will not give up.

### THE WATER SNAKE 1953, 2013

This is the Snake from the woods. You are intelligent and generous, if also somewhat naive. When you are young, you will have many exciting experiences and some problems, but after that you will have a good, constructive time.

### THE WOOD SNAKE 1905, 1965

This is a Snake who slithers silently from his hideout. You are a very honest and straightforward person, both sociable and good to talk to. You love power and are a very capable administrator.

### THE FIRE SNAKE 1917, 1977

This is the Snake in the open. You have a strong sense of what is right and prefer to deal plainly. You are both elegant and intelligent. When you get older, your life will be harmonious and free from worry.

## THE SNAKE IN OTHER YEARS

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RAT

So as long as you are not aiming too high, this can be a reasonably successful year. Ample time should be devoted to dealing with financial affairs. Those of you who require Co-operation from others in order to carry out your work satisfactorily should try to improve the atmosphere at work. Travel will bring good results. You will probably feel like a change of environment. You will be grateful for any opportunity to meet new people. Routine will have little appeal now. You will be keen to get on with exciting new plans this year.

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE OX

Do not give too much time to run-of-the-mill jobs. It is important to allow the creative side of your nature more freedom. Be creative. Do not stifle your natural talents. Foreign affairs continue to be quite lucrative. Nothing of great interest will happen at this time: this will be a fairly slow, uneventful period for business. It may be a bit frustrating to have to leave a deal unfinished now and then. However, it would be extremely unwise to be too pushy. You could lose a valuable contact if you try to force the pace now.



#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE TIGER**

As far as business goes, you should be on the ball. You will start this year in fine form and will have no problems when it comes to dealing with business colleagues. Your power of intuition should be good. The period is good for romantic affairs. Personal life should be pleasant because there is plenty to keep you on the go but no more than you know you can deal with satisfactorily. Stand up for a friend but do so after some thought or you might cause yourself problems further down the line. Documents need to be checked before you sign them.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT**

Do not overestimate your influence this year or you could come unstuck. You have the ability to be a little pompous on occasions, a fact that might not go down all that well with certain other people you have to deal with now. A balance is important however, since you do not want to look humble. Personal matters could seem to be a little unsettled and unsatisfying. Withdrawn inside yourself, you probably need someone with whom to communicate on a deep level. Seek such a person out and life will help you by offering a fair selection.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON**

This year, home is the best place to be for all people born under this sign. And it is where you might choose to stay in your mind, even if your body has to be somewhere else. You have the ability at present to inhabit a number of different realities and this fact suits you down to the ground. Creative potential may not seem all that strong but should soon improve. Steadily, happily and successfully you walk towards achievements that you never really expected this year.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN YOUR OWN YEAR**

The fun thing about this year is that you have no idea what is going to happen next, but you can be fairly sure that most of it is going to please you. Something in your world needs to be in better shape and you will become a sculptor, chiseling and scraping until you finally get what you want in the art gallery of your life. There is a problem here, however, because by next year many of your ideas will have changed altogether - but that is art, is it not?

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE HORSE**

Gradually, but definitely, things are on the go again, though if you have been wise you will not forget some of the more positive aspects of the quieter spell that you have been through during the last few weeks of the beginning of this year. You could come across someone who is really angry, though fortunately not at you.

You should prioritize routines. This easy-going period gives you an opportunity to tackle ordinary jobs that were postponed recently. You will be able to catch up with - if not get ahead of - your schedule. The year is also good for romance. Try to do something for your mate.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE GOAT**

This will be another wonderful year for you. You can finally talk about reaping the fruits of financial success. You can expect great opportunities and success during the year, and all this can make up the losses you had from earlier periods of your life. Expect favourable communication from your close circle, which represent positive events for you and your close ones if you decide to have more children. In any case, the female Rabbit is extra-fertile, so an increase in your family is very likely during the year. Those single Rabbits will have a chance to be tied to someone they have been seeing for a long time. There will be a lot of interesting romantic encounters.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY**

Catch up with work left over from last year. Bring financial affairs up to date. With nothing new to divert your attention, you can use this week to sort out your affairs. Go over all correspondence relating to tax and insurance; be sure that you claim all the benefits that are yours by right. You will find it rather difficult to get into full swing at your place of employment. There are likely to be a few difficult problems to sort out before you can get down to work. Colleagues will not be inclined to fall in with your ideas. You will have to seek new ways to get things done.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER**

This is going to be a rewarding year for those born under this sign. The sort of work that you have a chance to carry out could easily lead to promotion. You will find that people remain very cooperative. This is the best time to reveal your qualities of leadership and diplomacy. Your intuition should be accurate and reliable. There is no reason why you should put a foot wrong. The year will be successful because you know what to do.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DOG**

You may be meeting some important new business contacts this year, so make sure that you look your best. You will also be in touch with conservative superiors who set great store by convention. You will be lucky enough to make some useful contacts if you are prepared to put yourself out a bit. In the middle of the year you can slow down in business. It would be pointless to try to get anything done at that time. Do not bother influential people to back creative projects. You could lose the support of someone who has been extremely helpful in the past if you pester them during their time off.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE PIG**

This year you will see that your luck will change. People you come into contact with will be congenial. You should feel on top of situations. More time can be given to improving your health. Relax and unwind your frayed nerves. Even your mate might think you are tense, so slow down and enjoy life. Do not be a fool with money. Considering how much you need to save at the moment, it would be extremely unwise to lend money to friends. Try to keep cash transactions out of close relationships. People who borrow money and promise to pay it back within a specified period may not be able to do so, which could cause bad blood.

FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN UNDER **THE** YEAR OF THE SNAKE  
Muhammed Ali, Ann-Margret, Kim Bassinger,  
Tony Blair, Randy Crawford, Charles Darwin,  
Bob Dylan, Henry Fonda, Greta Garbo, Art  
Garfunkel, J. Paul Getty, Goethe, Princess Grace  
of Monaco, Audrey Hepburn, Jack Higgins,  
Howard Hughes, Liz Hurley, J.F. Kennedy,  
Abraham Lincoln, Dean Martin, Henri Matisse,  
Mao Tse Tung, Aristotle Onassis, Jacqueline  
Onassis, Pablo Picasso, Mary Pickford, Brad  
Pitt, Gerhard Schroder, Paul Simon, Oprah  
Winfrey, Grete Waitz.

THE SIGN OF THE HORSE

1.25.1906–2.12.1907  
THE FIRE HORSE

2.11.1918–1.31.1919  
THE EARTH HORSE

1.30.1930–2.16.1931  
THE METAL HORSE

2.15.1942–2.4.1943  
THE WATER HORSE

2.3.1954–1.23.1955  
THE WOOD HORSE

1.21.1966–2.8.1967  
THE FIRE HORSE

2.7.1978–1.27.1979  
THE EARTH HORSE

1.27.1990–2.14.1991  
THE METAL HORSE

2.12.2001–1.31.2001  
THE WATER HORSE

THE CHINESE NAME FOR THE HORSE: MA

THE SEVENTH SIGN IN THE CHINESE  
ZODIAC

THE HOURS THAT THE HORSE RULES:  
11AM – 1PM

THE CORRESPONDING SIGN IN THE  
WESTERN SYSTEM: LEO

THE FIXED ELEMENT OF THE HORSE: FIRE



## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HORSE

The Horse is the most noble of man's conquests. With the Horse and its power, man overcomes distance and appreciates wide-open spaces. In the Chinese horoscope, the Horse has a very good reputation. Proud in appearance, for centuries he has been the friend of man, carrying him into the heat of battle or sharing in the delights of his country retreats.

People born under this sign are essentially gregarious. You love social life and crave acceptance. An agreeable companion, a fluent and eloquent conversationalist, you know how to please and enjoy pleasing. You are popular, though never modest, and adept at attracting attention.

The childhood and youth of the Horse will be critical. You will leave your family when very young and, forced to assert yourself so early in life. You will meet difficulties, but you will manage to sort things out. At times you will suffer emotionally and financially, but as a Horse you are strong, and nothing can hold you back on the path of success. In maturity you will achieve calm and equilibrium, for you will have learned the wisdom of failure and the value of perseverance. Your old age will be serene.

As the Lady Horse, you are passionate and live according to the rhythms of your heart, and your heart sometimes gets carried away so that your entire physical being is deeply affected. You are sentimental, impatient and

looking for love; you seek to conquer as much as you hope to be conquered. You love feeling immediate attraction, and falling in love at first sight: a smile, a look and there you are, in love. As the Horse you are very realistic and pragmatic, but not self-obsessed. Once you are financially independent, you will be content and ask for nothing more. You are just lucky with money, and life with you is exciting and adventurous.

## THE YEAR OF THE HORSE

This will be a very busy year with enough work for everyone who wants it; nobody will strike and everyone wants to do their own job well. The year of the Horse will be rather different from its predecessor; gone are the hours spent in peaceful meditation. In place of spiritualism, we find industrious effort. We will all be more constructive and productive than ever before. Though the Horse is universally admired for his industrious attitude, he also knows to enjoy his leisure. As a result, this is also a year for many exciting events, especially competitive events. There will be many great sporting achievements, with new sports stars setting records which will remain unbroken for decades at a time. In 1954, Roger Bannister set

one of the most significant sporting records in history by becoming the first man ever to run a mile in under four minutes.

You will also find this a year where many political changes will take place, such as the collapse or overthrow of kings and presidents. The month of November 1918 witnessed the abdication of the Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany. In 1978, Mrs. Gandhi was expelled from the Indian parliament. The Horse is seldom far away from the political stage, but once in control he makes very few dramatic changes. Hu Jin Tao who is born in 1942, which is the year of the Horse, became the President of China in his own year, 2002. Up to now there have only been minor changes in the political line under his charge. It is said that the Horse does not

like to confuse. Should there be change, it is almost always for the best.

The year of the Horse will give us a lot of optimism for our new projects, and there will be a general good atmosphere of humor. There will, of course, be the odd black moment, and even serious conflict, but it will not last long. For instance, Mrs. Gandhi spent only six days in prison. However, wars, famines and pestilence are worse in the year of the Fire Horse. The Chinese believe that whatever happens in the year of the Fire Horse, both good and bad, will be intensified many times over. San Francisco was destroyed by an earthquake in 1906, and in 1666 London was burnt to the ground, during the reign of Charles II. In the first nine months of 1966, airplane disasters accounted

for a record number of 460 lives lost, and in July of the same year, Germany was beaten by England in the World Cup, a catastrophe for the Germans and the results are still disputed. We will be hit hard by love in the year of the Horse and quickly fall under its spell. And love should be allowed freedom. Even anything connected with love, for example gold that is widely used in expressing love, will receive a lot of attention. In 1954, the London gold market reopened after a closure of fifteen years. In the year of the Horse we will all adapt more easily to changes in different circumstances. Do not be afraid to take chances and advice; should you get into trouble, just get on a horse and ride away!

This pairing is rather fraught and difficult, because the Rat will never love the Horse, so you might get yourself into trouble if you are careless. You will also have to watch out for your impulsiveness and impatience, as the Rat may make the Horse blind and ride dangerously in the dark.

This is a very interesting combination, as the Ox is slow and self-confident, while the Horse is impulsive and seeks success. If they can agree on division of labors, with these two strong animals in you, you will undeniably hold the winning cards in whatever you choose to do.

You are very energetic and impulsive, with two of the strongest animals in you. You combine elegance with opportunism, and luck with lively intelligence. Your life will never be dull, but you need to take a break every so often.

ASCENDANTS OF THE SNAKE

THE HOUR OF THE RAT «ZI»

**11 PM - 1 AM**

THE HOUR OF THE OX «ZHOU»

**1 AM - 3 AM**

THE HOUR OF THE TIGER «YIN»

**7 AM - 5 AM**

ASCENDANTS OF THE RABBIT

THE HOUR OF THE RABBIT «MAO»    YOU are a wise dandy, combining elegance and  
5 AM - 7 AM    passion with a highly developed moral code,  
which can sometimes conflict with your pride.  
Your charm is irresistible, and though you  
can at times be very bad tempered, you will be  
forgiven in most circumstances.

THE HOUR OF THE DRAGON «ZHEN»    Hungry for voyage and adventure, this  
7 AM - 9 AM    combination makes you very impatient and  
impulsive. People around you might envy  
your natural brilliance and elegance. You will  
be eloquent, an effective orator and a natural  
leader. At the same time you will attract honor  
and prestige, and your life will never be dull.

THE HOUR OF THE SNAKE «SI»    With the Snake in you, you tend to be a bad loser  
9 AM - 11 AM    and do not accept failure. You are a winner and  
will not hesitate to be opportunistic and sly.  
But as you are irresistibly charming, you will  
do well in your efforts to stay on top.

ASCENDANTS OF THE RABBIT

THE HOUR OF THE HORSE «WU»

II AM - I PM

With this combination you are destined to succeed. Impetuous and ardent, you are also elegant and opportunistic, as well as lucky and equipped with lively intelligence. You will just have to learn about that rare flower modesty - be careful not to trample on it.

Dream worlds and fantasy will flavor this highly compatible alliance. You will lead an epic existence; your passion will conquer, but you will prefer art and heroic poetry to warring expeditions. In other words, you are a natural artist who can conquer new fields.

THE HOUR OF THE GOAT «WEI»

**I PM - 3 PM**

You are eloquent and courageous. Your path will resemble an extended racecourse, from which the Horse/Monkey can only emerge victorious. Uniting intelligence with a fine appearance, you exploit to the utmost your resources of charm, talent, wiliness and, sometimes, deceit.

THE HOUR OF THE MONKEY «SHEN»

**3 P M • 5 P M**

ASCENDANTS OF THE RABBIT

THE HOUR OF THE ROOSTER «YU»

**5 PM - 7 PM**

While distinguished, loyal and generous, you are also at times very indecisive. Sometimes you like to stand out from the crowd and dominate; sometimes you prefer to stay behind and control. These two kinds of behavior can be hard work, and at times destructive.

THE HOUR OF THE DOG «XU»

**7 PM - 9 PM**

You are loyal and faithful. You tenaciously make your way by day and night, prompted by your intuition. You succeed in controlling both your pride and your fear of failure, never hesitating to smile at your own defects and weaknesses, yet you remain ardent and passionate. You are truly a reliable working Horse.

THE HOUR OF THE PIG «HAI»

**9 PM - 11 PM**

Endowed with a broad and clear intelligence, this combination makes you well aware of the pride that eats away at you. You have a tendency to overrate the true value of your possessions and conquests, and to overlook their impermanence. Your ardour and impulsiveness often give way to doubt and mystery, but in the end you will succeed.



## FEATURES OF THE HORSE

**QUALITIES** YOU are hardworking and effective in your work, ambitious and a go-getter in your daily life. You tend to lack patience and, on occasion, endurance.

**LUCK** You are born fortunate and lucky. Optimistic and earthy as you are, you will go far in life. At the same time you are very curious and like to deal with matters where competition is the keyword.

**MONEY** YOU will make good money in every kind of competitive business. You can be a particularly good speculator in money matters.

**PROFESSION** YOU like to make extra effort in your work, and meet any kind of competition with great courage. You could be a banker or a broker, and work with any kind of professional money transaction.

**SOCIAL LIFE** YOU are fond of people and thrive in company. You would like to be at the center of your personal circle.

**BUSINESS** YOU are effective and active. If you see a possibility, you do not let it go. In other words, you are a good business person.

## FEATURES OF THE HORSE

**LOVE** YOU are elegant and stylish, but you tend to jump from one person to the other in love. This might create some problems for you. But you will have luck and always get what you want.

**PARENTS** You have very loving and caring parents, though you might have been a little spoiled by them.

**SIBLINGS** YOU have wonderful sisters and brothers who are willing to support you. There is much love between you, and your lives will be prosperous.

**CHILDREN** YOU are fond of children, but at times you think it is too much work and, in particular, they might slow down your own development in the direction you want to go.

**TRAVELS** YOU are the biggest adventurer in the Chinese zodiac. To travel to foreign places is both a passion and a joy for you. You will travel throughout your life, and never stop in one place for a long period.

**HEALTH** YOU have very strong health and no one can beat you on that score. You love sports and thrive in the open air. You are fond of trees and the countryside - you want to wander around just like a wild Horse.

**INVESTMENTS** NO one is better than you at speculating and seeing the best opportunities. You are a money-maker for people around you, and you will never be without a few pennies.

**PROSPECTS** If you learn to be more patient and take one step at a time, then you will get what you want in life. In other words, you are a winner.

**WHAT KIND OF HORSE ARE YOU?**

**THE WOOD HORSE 1954, 2014**

This is a Horse of the skies. You are sociable and fond of life. Quick-witted and effective as you are, and always willing to give a helping hand, you are very popular among friends.

**THE FIRE HORSE 1906, 1966**

This is a Horse in motion. You are very adventurous and always on the go. You are fond of challenges and always look for excitement. Your life will never be dull, but you will have to take a break now and then.

WHAT KIND OF HORSE ARE YOU?

## THE EARTH HORSE 1918, 1978

The Earth Horse is the most caring and considering of all Horses. You serve and are honest, and you prefer to look before you leap.

## THE METAL HORSE 1930, 1990

This is a Family Horse. You are both quick and effective. Maybe you are a little bit restless, but sooner or later you will come into contact with influential forces that bring you forward. In other words, you are a very lucky Horse.

## THE WATER HORSE 1942, 2002

This is a Horse used by the military, a real fighter. You can go far, and you enjoy the trust and image you have created for yourself. There will be some hard years when you are young, but you will become very influential when you get older.

## THE HORSE IN OTHER YEARS

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RAT

Little will take place to create discord this year. You may have more time on your hands than usual. Do not spend too much on entertainment. Spare hours should be devoted to any hobby or pastime that helps improve your mind. Do what you can to increase your knowledge of subjects that have always been of particular interest to you. Now you are in the middle of a generally rewarding period. Be sure that you make the best of the excellent opportunities presenting themselves to you now. This will be a hectic and interesting period where you see openings for laying the groundwork for future prospects.

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE Ox

It seems that you will be having a pretty rough time all of a sudden. You could be rocked on your heels by what is taking place in business circles now. Work is apt to be strenuous. You are going to be hard-pushed to keep up with your busy schedule. Luckily you are strong, and you will manage. However, you will have to keep calm and make the best of this unstable situation. Do not resort to panic measures regarding recent happenings. Pull yourself up by your bootstraps. Your vivid imagination could be making more of what is, after all, only a minor setback to your plans. Close associates will be most helpful; colleagues will do all that they can to reassure you.

## THE HORSE IN OTHER YEARS

### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE TIGER**

This year will be similar to the last. You are lacking in confidence when you have no real cause to be self-effacing. Home life will be complicated. Arguments could break out with loved ones, probably because you are in such a high-strung mood. It will be difficult to keep on top of pressing business. However, you will have to control your temper this year. You are inclined to jump to conclusions too quickly. This tendency could be damaging to your career, especially if you are judging business people. Your mate or other family member can even be worried about money and may not wish to tell you how extravagant they have been recently. No important plans should be put into action at this time.

### **How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT**

You must try not to rush your routine. Errors made now could prove costly at a later date. Hobbies will give you a break. This is a pleasant time for anything that gives free rein to the artistic side of your nature. Nothing of any particular importance is likely now. Do not make difficulties for yourself. Use this easy period to unwind. You will not be troubled by other people's problems. There will be opportunities to think about your own future. Examine your career goals to make sure you have not lost touch with your true aims and aspiration.

#### **How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON**

Money problems should ease during the first part of the year. A letter or a telephone call will have a reassuring effect on you. This is a golden time, offering good opportunities to right the wrongs of recent period. You will certainly find it easier to deal with authoritative figures. Even your boss will show greater willingness to understand your personal problems. This would be a good year to show what you are capable of, and get the reward you deserve for your performance.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE**

Expansion is the keynote of this year. You can add to your plans now. If doing business, do it fully. Let imagination have free rein, for ideas can only get better. There will be excellent opportunities for you to improve your future career prospects. During the year you may be meeting some important new business contacts, so make sure that you look your best. You will also be in touch with conservative superiors who set great store by convention. You will be lucky enough to make some useful contacts if you are prepared to put yourself out a bit.

## THE HORSE IN OTHER YEARS

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN YOUR OWN YEAR

You need to slow down a little bit this year. It would be pointless to try to do any business. Do not bother influential people to back creative projects. Your luck will change for the better during this time. People you come into contact with will be congenial. You should feel on top of situations. More time can be given to improving your health. Relax and let your frayed nerves recover.

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE GOAT

This is not a time to fool around with money. Considering how much you need to save at the moment, it would be extremely unwise to lend money to friends. Try to keep cash transactions out of close relationships. Romantic matters will, however, flourish. Pay more attention to the one you love: you will see how rewarding this will turn out to be. Now you need to bring financial affairs up to date. With nothing new to divert your attention, you can use this time to sort out your affairs. Go over all correspondence relating to tax and insurance; be sure that you claim all the benefits that are yours by right.



#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY**

You will find it rather difficult to get into full swing in the workplace. There are likely to be a few difficult problems to sort out before you can get into action. Colleagues will not be inclined to follow your ideas. You will have to seek new ways to get things done. Freedom from pressure gives you more freedom to do as you please. Personal relationships will be much on your mind. You will be keen to iron out differences with loved ones. This can be done by frank, calm discussion where nobody loses their temper. Friends will be pleasant. You will probably be in the mood for mixed company throughout the year.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER**

Wishy-washy impulses, a feeling of inadequacy that will follow you at the beginning of the year, actually vague doubts and fears that have no sound foundation - these are handicaps from which you may suffer this year. Influential people may be difficult to please, but this no reason to worry about your own performance on the job. Try to be as responsible as you always have been, then you will find your reward at the end of the year.

## THE HORSE IN OTHER YEARS

### **How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DOG**

You have a lot of things to sort out, and you must face up boldly to what has to be done. Do not try to wriggle out of your responsibilities. Throw yourself into your job. There is no way to solve your financial problems through gambling. Once you come to grips with what is bothering you, coping with it will not be that difficult. Home matters are also important for you this year. Your activities will center around loved ones. Do what you can to please people who mean a great deal to you. Recent differences with your mate can be settled amicably with a little give and take on both sides. Efforts to improve your home or property are sure to increase its value.

### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE PIG**

Do not ask for special favors this year without good reason. You will not find influential people willing to grant an increase in salary, to promote you, or even to allow you to leave for home earlier than usual. Disagreements will occur if you try to press your demands. Accept the current situation in which you find yourself. Home will be the best place for you through the whole year.

FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE HORSE

Neil Armstrong, Rowan Atkinson, Samuel Beckett, Ingmar Bergman, Leonid Brezhnev, Kevin Costner, Cindy Crawford, Frederic Chopin, Sean Connery, Clint Eastwood, Thomas Alva Edison, Linda Evans, Harrison Ford, Bob Geldof, Billy Graham, Gene Hackman, Hu Jin Tao, Rita Hayworth, Janet Jackson, Nikita Khrushchev, Lenin, Nelson Mandela, Paul McCartney, Rembrandt, Anwar Sadat, Helmut Schmidt, Lord Snowdon, Barbra Streisand, Mike Tyson, Raquel Welch, Andy Williams, Virginia Woolf, Michael York.

THE SIGN OF THE **GOAT**

2.13.1907-2.1.1908

THE FIRE GOAT

2.1.1919-2.19.1920

THE EARTH GOAT

2.17.1931-2.5.1932

THE METAL GOAT

2.5.1943-1.24.1944

THE WATER GOAT

1.24.1955-2.11.1956

THE WOOD GOAT

2.9.1967-1.29.1968

THE FIRE GOAT

1.28.1979-2.15.1980

THE EARTH GOAT

2.15.1991-2.3.1992

THE METAL GOAT

2.1.2003-1.21.2004

THE WATER GOAT

THE CHINESE NAME FOR THE GOAT: YANG

THE EIGHTH SIGN IN THE CHINESE ZODIAC

THE HOURS THAT THE GOAT RULES:

1 PM - 3 PM

THE CORRESPONDING SIGN IN THE WESTERN

SYSTEM: CANCER

THE FIXED ELEMENT OF THE GOAT: EARTH

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GOAT

As the Goat you are stubborn and difficult to understand, but you are also intuitive, nurturing and self-sacrificing. Your youth will be marked by uncertain, inconsistent and over-emotional behavior which at times amounts to instability. On the other hand, you will be lucky as an adult, and in old age you will be content and want for nothing.

You are creative, imaginative and ingenious. All those born under this sign want to devote their time to the arts, which to them are the equivalent of a religion. You need someone to take charge of practical matters, leaving you to develop your creative talents. People with this sign want money, but do not like to have to earn it themselves. The best solution is to

find someone who is well-organized and has the money to support you.

As a lady Goat, you have a special gift for creating an agreeable ambiance round you, which contributes to your social success. You are able to rise to the big occasion and really put on a show. You are faithful to your partner, so long as you are not abused, and your partner dedicates himself to you exclusively. However, you enjoy a little flirtation here and there, for your own amusement and to verify your seductive powers.

## THE YEAR OF THE GOAT

This is a very peaceful and quiet year, following that of the energetic and active Horse. Now it is time to relax and make peace with yourself and people around you. Things will proceed slowly and everyone will find themselves to be more sentimental and emotional. The influence of the Goat will make us stay at home and spend the time with our loved ones. We will care more about those close to us. This is a good year for making babies.

The Goat has also a tendency to be rather careful and somewhat pessimistic. Most of us will be oversensitive and fret about little problems. We may be easily discouraged or hypercritical when things do not turn out to our liking in our daily life.

In the year of the Goat you will have plenty of time to make new friends and travel more extensively. It's also a good time to invest in art and antiques. However, you will be forced

to keep a tight hand on your purse strings, as there could be repercussions caused by uncontrolled over-spending.

The Goat will bring out the creativeness in the nature of those involved with the arts. Many of us will be more productive and imaginative in artistic and aesthetic ventures. In 1955, the film *Rebel Without a Cause* was released, starring James Dean. The same year, the Opera House reopened in Vienna. And in the Soviet Union there was the first performance of *Hamlet* since the fall of Tsarist Russia.

On the world scene, things will be quiet and peace-loving. The Goat's love of harmony and keen sense for coexisting with his enemies will save this year from many conflicts and upheavals. The moderate and peace-loving people will be heard and heeded. Wars, international conflicts and mutual animosities often end in the year of the Goat. In 1919, the peace treaty ending World War I was signed with Germany, in Versailles, France, and

the League of Nations was founded. In 1955, the world's leading scientists appealed to the world to give up all war because of the destruction a hydrogen bomb might cause. In 1967, a treaty was signed that forbade atomic weapons in outer space, on the Moon and on other planets. However, the year of the Goat is also a year for a lot of gossip and scandal. In 1979, the former leader of the Liberal Party in the UK, Jeremy Thorpe, appeared in court, accused of having planned to kill his supposed lover, Norman Scott.

The peaceful and easygoing Goat slows things down for the more intensely active signs, as after all, this is not a year for whirlwind and hasty activities - it is a year where we can take everything with ease. Talk about peace; keep away from speculation. Drink chilled wine through long summer nights and eat chocolate and talk about old days. During the year of the Goat, let your instincts lead you to the good life!



THE HOUR OF THE RAT «ZI»

**II PM - I AM**

The Rat is an excellent companion for the Goat. Very different from the Rat, the Goat nevertheless responds to the Rat's charm and wit. Both have a tendency to float in a world of illusions but since they will get something worthwhile out of it, it doesn't matter if they seem blind or deaf - for these two it can be a useful technique.

THE HOUR OF THE Ox «ZHOU»

**I AM - 3 AM**

This is a somewhat awkward combination, as the Goat wants to take it easy, while the Ox in you wants to work hard and take life seriously. There are two extremes in your personality, and sometimes you experience a real fight within yourself. But if you can let one of the animals dominate, whichever is most appropriate at the time, then things will work out right for you.

THE HOUR OF THE TIGER «YIN»

**3 AM - 5 AM**

This is a Goat with a lot of energy who knows what he wants. A good fighter, he will only be difficult if you provoke him. If you take him seriously, he will be a gentle and peaceful Goat.

You are a sweet dreamer with this special combination. If you cannot find the comfort which is so dear to you, you will seek it in your dreams. You will love travel, always seeking something more marvellous. You have a supple nature, and are intuitive and charming. Life will be good to you.

Just imagine a terrifying animal - one with multi-colored scales who spits fire but wears beautiful boots and is crowned with graceful horns. This combination looks like this, but is also very much at ease with itself. You are an artist with a lot of daring projects on the go.

It will be dangerous to fall in love with you; it is impossible to expect fidelity from this combination. This reptilian Goat is a fickle being charged with fantasy, an artist who will make a «Goat» of anybody who tries to seduce him. This is the kind of Goat who will enjoy plenty of good luck and have the advantage of good taste and a capacity for finesse.

ASCENDANTS OF THE GOAT

THE HOUR OF THE RABBIT «MAO»

**5 AM - 7 AM**

THE HOUR OF THE DRAGON «ZHEN»

**7 AM - 9 AM**

THE HOUR OF THE SNAKE «SI»

**9 AM - 11 AM**

ASCENDANTS OF THE GOAT

THE HOUR OF THE HORSE «WU»

**II AM - I PM**

You are the Goat that is always on the go, not just physically but mentally. You are creative with a lot of ideas, but when you are unable to realize them, you have a tendency to escape into a fantasy world. People around you might take you for a daydreamer.

THE HOUR OF THE GOAT «WEI»

**I PM - 3 PM**

Your sense of reality is precarious, which does not bother you in the least. You love to travel, and are always ready to enjoy yourself. Though your road is strewn with traps, you are not easily discouraged, and take it all with good will, a sense of humor and in a free and easy manner.

THE HOUR OF THE MONKEY «SHEN»

**3 PM - 5 PM**

You are intuitive and intelligent, and at the same time extremely restless. The Monkey likes to leap from branch to branch, and the Goat leaps ceaselessly from cloud to cloud. As a result, this particular alliance will be lively and eventful. As for love, you can be a real heartbreaker.

ASCENDANTS OF THE GOAT

Generous and outgoing, this animal is honest and pure. But your character will often prove unreliable and difficult to pin down. You have the tendency to kick out and back away, for you will not accept ties, advice or any form of dependency.

THE HOUR OF THE ROOSTER «YU»

5 P M • 7 P M

You are gifted with remarkable intuition. But you tend to complicate your life, forever changing your moods, ideas and decisions, and constantly retracing your steps. As a result you may become distrustful and pessimistic, and at times you can be indecisive and aggressive. You are a very difficult person to be with.

THE HOUR OF THE DOG «XU»

**7 PM - 9 PM**

You will not be easy to tame. This combination makes you very suspicious, and you will seek solitude in thickets and among hidden rocky paths. Your character is stubborn, obstinate and sometimes even narrow-minded. Being too proud, you are slow to recognize your errors, but that does not prevent you from being tolerant and always ready to forgive.

THE HOUR OF THE PIG «HAI»

**9 P M\* II 1 M**

## FEATURES OF THE GOAT

**QUALITIES** YOU are gentle and caring, if perhaps a little uncertain about yourself. You tend to lose yourself in your own dreams.

**LUCK** AS long as you manage to keep away unnecessary worries and let your self-assurance come forward, luck and prosperity will smile on you.

**MONEY** YOU have good prospects of inheriting some money from your family, but if you want to you could also make good money by your own efforts. One way or another, you will not be without cash.

**PROFESSION** YOU could be a good doctor or nurse, or excel in any job that involves caring for other people, which is something you enjoy doing. You are a very community-minded person, in other words.

**SOCIAL LIFE** YOU are fond of people and any kind of gathering. You love to throw parties, at least partly because you can't stand being alone.

**BUSINESS** YOU are clever at business and the art of dealing with people around you. If you get the right support, then you will go far in any business matters.

LOVE YOU are well-liked and popular, but be careful that not too many people knock at your door at the same time. It could end up being very messy for you.

PARENTS YOU have parents who are understanding and love you dearly. You have an especially good relationship with your mother, whom you adore.

SIBLINGS You have a solid, sound relationship with brothers and sisters. Often you are the eldest one in the family, bringing your maturity and paternal/maternal feelings into play. You like playing the role of parent to your loved ones.

**CHILDREN** You are very fond of children and are at ease in their company. They just adore you as a caring and attentive parent.

**TRAVELS** YOU like traveling, but try to stick to places where you have been before. Your careful nature keeps you away from difficulties and problems.

**HEALTH** YOU are psychically very strong, but you have a very delicate body that you have to take care of.

**INVESTMENTS** YOU are able to reason well and know how to invest money properly. Many of your friends tend to ask you for advice.

**PROSPECTS** You appreciate peace and quiet around you. As long as you get it, you will thrive and prosper. The worst thing for you is to quarrel unnecessarily. You seek a world where there is no conflict.

## **WHAT KIND OF GOAT ARE YOU?**

### THE WOOD GOAT 1955, 2015

This is a cultivated and polite Goat. You know your limits and are satisfied with what you manage to obtain in life. You will have harmony and happiness in whatever you choose to do.

### THE FIRE GOAT 1907, 1967

This is a Goat that might lose his way; one that has a lot of happiness, but also a lot of unnecessary worries. Life is exciting, but if you want success, you will have to make certain efforts to reach your goals.



## WHAT KIND OF GOAT ARE YOU?

### THE EARTH GOAT 1919, 1979

This is the Mountain Goat, active and full of energy. Try to brake a little bit, you tend to go too fast. There will be a lot of people who are willing to support you, in any circumstances, and you will lead a happy and harmonious life.

### THE METAL GOAT 1931, 1991

This is a Goat with a lot of inner resources; you are both kind and tolerant. You will have to take many serious decisions when you are young, but you will have a good time when you find a partner and settled down. As a partner, you are more than willing to support your mate.

### THE WATER GOAT 1943, 2003

This is a Goat who likes to stay in the crowd. Quick-witted and effective you prefer to work in a team. At times you can be rather naive, so you will have to be careful not to be exploited by others.

## THE GOAT IN OTHER YEARS

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RAT

Do all you can to bring happiness into the lives of loved ones during the year. It will give you great pleasure to put a smile on the face of your mate or child. You will certainly get great satisfaction from giving. Entertainment will be easy to find and is unlikely to put you to extraordinary expense. People at distance will continue to be extremely cooperative. You will find it easier to deal with strangers than with regular business contacts. The new and the untried will be a stimulus. Routine will be rather difficult to concentrate on. This is not a good period for dealing with authoritative figures. Wait awhile before discussing your future career prospects.

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE Ox

There is an element of deception this very year. Someone at your place of employment may be out to hoodwink you for one reason or another. Everything that you are told in connection with your business should be checked out. It may be that a colleague wants you to make a fool of yourself in the eyes of a superior. A certain amount of jealousy is at play. You are probably not thinking straight. This is the wrong time to play hunches or to make snap decisions. Speculative propositions should be avoided. Gambling could be disastrous. Take special care when traveling alone during the year.

HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE **TIGER**

Probably this is one of the best years of your life. You will be extremely aware of everything that is going around you. Your intuition will be exceptional. There will be a good opportunity to show your worth to people who matter. It may be possible to leapfrog over competitors into a job that you have been keen to take on. Even romance is starred. Single or married, you will be happy in the company of that special person in your life. Influential people will sit up and take notice of what you say. You have more chance than usual to win support from above. Agreements made now will enable you to make steady progress with a creative project. Routine work is unlikely to progress quite so smoothly this year.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT**

This will be a slow and boring year. Your biggest danger could be boredom. If you find yourself at a loose end, try to get involved in something productive. Too much spare time could lead to seeking extravagant pleasure. There may be differences of opinion at home. If you are dating for the first time, you must be careful not to be too aggressive - try to be more diplomatic. An about-turn by loved ones means that you can make steady progress with jobs you are keen to tackle at home. Health problems can be sorted out. You should be feeling in much better shape physically at the end of the year.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON**

This year can be used for catching up with tasks you have neglected. Though you have had a fairly busy time last year, you will still have to sort out things that have left behind. Romance will contain no problems this at this time. Your love life may not be very exciting at the moment, but you will be grateful for securing your present relationship. Unexpected income could come your way. Do what you can to make money from a creative enterprise. Hobbies could easily become part-time jobs. See what you can do to win support for your new ideas from people in a position to help you.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE**

This is a useful year for contacting people who are often hard to see. Influential colleagues may be able to put you in touch with someone who can be of special benefit to your career. It would be best not to make any rigid timetable this year. No pressure will be placed on you now. You will respond well to the added responsibility of choosing your own pace at which to work. Superiors will be too busy to listen to new ideas that you are keen to promote. It would be best to stick to routine matters for the time being until October.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE HORSE**

Employment affairs are extremely sensitive this year. You will find colleagues do not see eye-to-eye with you now. Try as you might, it will be practically impossible to get your ideas accepted by them. No changes in work patterns should be attempted. Do not make any impulsive decisions about love affairs. Those involved in any kind of legal proceedings will find satisfactory results coming their way. However, be careful to stay on the right side of the law, since you may become involved in it again. This time favors all those connected with arts or the entertainment business.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN YOUR OWN YEAR**

This is to be a year with good news. Expect financial rewards for good work done in the past. Your mail will also prove to be of importance, so do not throw anything away until you have read it thoroughly. The weekend is a good time for romance. Younger members of the sign will find parents restrictive and uncooperative. Also pay attention to matters of domestic importance that you have been ignoring all year. Now is the time to get things settled on the home front. If partners have been uncooperative, you should find them less so during the last part of the year.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY**

There is unlikely to be much friction between you and your loved ones at the beginning of the year, which will certainly come as a welcome relief to you. Your mate will agree with the most of your ideas for this period. It looks as if you may be spending more time at home than usual. Give your attention to older relatives. Early confusion could slow you down quite a bit. Do not put too much faith in promises made by associates. Colleagues are likely to be unpredictable, promises made verbally may be conveniently forgotten. Push ahead with creative enterprises and you will succeed.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER**

Now you are tired and lack of energy could make this a rather slow period. Money matters need to be approached with caution. You cannot afford to give in to extravagant impulses. Problems with loved ones could put you to unavoidable expense at this time. You should put yourself on alert in the areas of romance and finance. You have to be extremely cautious. Be on guard at all times. Do not take situations for granted. One false move now could upset carefully laid plans for the future.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DOG**

You will not have to battle very hard for what you want this year, which is an excellent time for asking favors from superiors. This year-end, a member of the opposite sex will be of particular help. Whatever is happening in your working surroundings will affect you later this period, so try to keep abreast of what is going on. Colleagues are evasive and uncooperative, so you will have to do your own investigating. Domestic problems will not interfere with entertainment this year.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE PIG**

Imagination and intuition can be turned to good use this year. Any creative ideas you have at present should be written down for future reference. Those involved in creative jobs should have an excellent time full of original thought. Hunches should be acted upon and new ideas tried out. You continue to be the most appealing person around, which is why others are expressing their love for you in no uncertain terms. Even this could get you down after a while, particularly since there is a part of you that feels like a good old argument this year. You might be disappointed in this respect.

**FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE GOAT**

Pamela Anderson, Jane Austen, Anne Bancroft,  
Boris Becker, George Burns, Andrew Carnegie,  
Lord Carrington, Andrew Carnegie, Catherine  
Deneuve, John Denver, Bill Gates, Mel Gibson,  
  
Mikhail Gorbachev, George Harrison, Julio  
Iglesias, Franz Kafka, Buster Keaton, Mick  
Jagger, Michelangelo, Benito Mussolini, Robert  
De Niro, Laurence Olivier, Norman Tebbit,  
George Wallace, Andy Warhol, John Wayne,  
Bruce Willis, Debra Winger, Boris Yeltsin.



**THE SIGN OF THE MONKEY**

2.6.1932–1.25.1933

THE WATER MONKEY

2.2.1908–1.21.1909

THE EARTH MONKEY

2.20.1920–2.7.1921

THE METAL MONKEY

1.25.1944–2.12.1945

THE WOOD MONKEY

2.12.1956–1.30.1957

THE FIRE MONKEY

1.30.1968–2.16.1969

THE EARTH MONKEY

2.16.1980–2.4.1981

THE METAL MONKEY

2.4.1992–1.22.1993

THE WATER MONKEY

1.22.2004–2.8.2005

THE WOOD MONKEY

THE CHINESE NAME FOR THE MONKEY: HAU

THE NINTH SIGN IN THE CHINESE ZODIAC

THE HOURS THAT THE MONKEY RULES:

3 PM - 5 PM

THE CORRESPONDING SIGN IN THE WESTERN  
SYSTEM: TWINS

THE FIXED ELEMENT OF THE MONKEY: EARTH

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MONKEY

As the Monkey you are very intelligent, but you can also be dishonest. You are crafty, agile, and clownish. The monkey is a disconcerting animal, who continually surprises and baffles us. Leaping from branch to branch, you are restless and always on the go, seeking new excitement.

The childhood of the Monkey is generally happy and without problems. You are intelligent, hard-working and adapt easily to new circumstances. Your teenage years, however, will be unstable, full of changes and emotional difficulties. In maturity, the Monkey will achieve some success and tranquillity. But watch out for old age, when you will often be solitary and cut off from

family and loved ones.

A Lady Monkey behaves with great charm and kindness. You love to please and hate to be disliked. You are easily carried away, seducing others and throwing yourself with intensity into each new love. It is temptation and conquest you are looking for, and you don't mind following the first member of the opposite sex who passes by.

## THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY

If you are an easygoing-person, then the hyperactive year of Monkey is definitely not suitable for you. Everything is on the go, and it is a case of first come first served, and this can lead to confusion. Under the influence of the mischievous Monkey, anything can happen and almost certainly will. You will wake up each morning and read the newspaper headlines with growing disbelief. In 1920, Americans woke up to find prohibition of alcohol had been introduced. And in 1968 slumbering Parisians opened their bleary eyes to find the streets full of rioting students.

It is quite obvious, Monkeys just love fun. But in spite of its superficiality, the year of the Monkey gives birth to many discoveries and

there are often strides made in science and technology, and other fields. It is time for new ideas, new methods, and new worlds. Britain's first atomic power station was opened in 1956, and in the same year the House of Commons finally threw out the death penalty.

This is not the year to sit and relax. The secret is to take chances, to take great risks, to deal and double-deal. In 1968, the world's stock exchanges experienced such a rush on gold that in many places around the world they had to close down, temporarily at least.

One way or another, political issues will be settled, at times very harshly. Soviet troops marched into Hungary in 1956, and later that same year Pakistan proclaimed itself an Islamic republic. Dramatic happenings are

apt to happen, which shake the world. In 1968 in the USA, both Senator Robert Kennedy and the Reverend Martin Luther King were shot dead. And in 1980, John Lennon was gunned down outside his New York home.

The trick to learn in the year of the Monkey is not to swim against the tide. It is not a time for moralists to come up with new rules or laws. Evangelists should talk less to their flock and more to their tax lawyers. In 1968, the Pope issued his ban of all methods of artificial birth control, and found it met with a largely hostile reception.

This is also a year for communication. In 1920, the very first public broadcasting station was opened, by the Marconi Company. Elvis Presley, the King of Rock 'n' Roll, made his first RCA recordings in 1956, beginning with the international hit 'Heartbreak Hotel'. Jacques Chirac was born in the year of the Monkey: this famous French politician was truly a master of political adaptation, who

managed to stay afloat for many years.

The year of the Monkey will begin and end in a restless pursuit of fun and profit. But if things are not working out, do not expect to hang around doing nothing. The Monkey will just swing skilfully, without any effort, from one tree onto the next tree, to find the best location and possibility. So do not expect the «big love affair» or anything else that matters to last forever.

ASCENDANTS OF THE MONKEY

THE HOUR OF THE RAT «ZI»

**II PM - I AM**

This is one of the most adventurous combinations in the Chinese zodiac. Your journey through life is more likely to resemble a hazardous adventure than an agreeable outing. So, before leaving on a trip, make sure that you have a first-aid kit with you. The Monkey in you will have a lot of ideas, and the Rat will use all his tricks to cause his companion to fall into physical, moral and even spiritual traps. The journey will be staged in a prize-fighting ring, where all blows are allowed and no rules are observed.

THE HOUR OF THE Ox «ZHOU»

**I AM - 3 AM**

This combination is remarkably agile; physically and mentally you are a first-rate acrobat, gifted with rare powers of persuasion. However, you must be careful, because the Monkey is sometimes a sorcerer capable of transforming the power of the Ox into mere confetti and mirages.

ASCENDANTS OF THE MONKEY

THE HOUR OF THE TIGER «YIN»

**3 AM - 5 AM**

You are the formidable animal that, by combining the ever-present wizardry of the little Monkey with the proud bearing and temperate skills of the Tiger, can turn anything upside down and provoke many a sleepless night. You are constantly on the go and should try not to be so naughty all the time.

You are an inventive, lively, rather airy animal. You have a tendency to be calculating, and leave nothing to chance. You prefer being a schemer, conjuror and scrounger to applying yourself to laborious and irksome work. With this combination in you, you envisage life as a game which, for the fun of it, you yourself strew with traps and mirages, the better to zigzag between them.

THE HOUR OF THE RABBIT «M A O»

**5 AM - 7 AM**

**7 AM - 9 AM**

Possessing a combination of the supremely gifted synchronized with a talent and taste for walking the tightrope, you - a valiant and fearless guardian - will never unbuckle your armor. You are always prepared for war, with your days and nights spent in a state of alertness, much to the continued astonishment of your friends.

**9 AM - 11 AM**

You are rational and a good organizer, but you are not able to conceal your tremendous superiority complex, which, unless you take care, will cause you major problems. An intelligent and quick animal, your tendency to get carried away is naturally tempered by deep reflection. Even so, you always refuse to listen to the advice of others, because of your pride and self-belief.



ASCENDANTS OF THE MONKEY

With this combination you are both brave and eloquent. Your path will resemble an extended racecourse, from which you can only emerge victorious. Uniting resources of charm, talent, wiliness and, sometimes, deceit, you will manage to get by.

THE HOUR OF THE HORSE «WU»

II AM - I PM

Intuitive and intelligent, you are extremely restless. At times pride will curb your fantasies and your ideas will then gain in constancy and consistency, though there is still no certainty that you will really want to pursue them to their logical end. The Monkey in you likes to leap from branch to branch, and the Goat leaps ceaselessly from cloud to cloud.

THE HOUR OF THE GOAT «WEI»

I 1 M - 3 1 M

You are by nature chivalrous, often proud, and slightly boastful. You will have some difficulties in staying on a straight course, in fact, you will be tempted to take detours and shortcuts for the sheer pleasure of discovery and a taste for novelty. One thing is for sure: you are super-intelligent.

THE HOUR OF THE MONKEY «SHEN»

**3 PM - 5 PM**

ASCENDANTS OF THE MONKEY

THE HOUR OF THE ROOSTER «YU»

**5 PM - 7 PM**

Very proud of yourself, you are not at all modest and self-effacing. You see to it that you never go unnoticed and care a great deal about the effect you have on others. Lacking neither intelligence nor good taste, you will be irresistibly attracted by all that glitters.

THE HOUR OF THE DOG «XU»

**7 PM - 9 PM**

You are supremely intuitive. It is difficult to put you off your trail; you always find your way, despite obstacles and difficulties. However, you have a tendency to complicate your life because, to you, everything is a voyage. You hate simplicity, straight lines and mapped-out routes.

THE HOUR OF THE PIG «HAI»

**9 PM - 11 PM**

YOU will adept at living in solitude. And you are very clear sighted; in fact, you have a built-in lie-detector that sometimes resembles clairvoyance. With this combination you are not easy to live with; you have your own ideas about how you want to lead your life, and will not tolerate having those of others imposed on you.

## FEATURES OF THE MONKEY

**QUALITIES** YOU are super-intelligent and learn things very fast. But you lack the endurance and have a tendency to jump from one thing to the other without scruples.

**LUCK** The great joy and happiness for you is to find someone who understands you and also takes part in your activities.

**MONEY** There will be a lot of good fortune in your life, but you will have to apply the right reason and Monkey intelligence to create this fortune.

**PROFESSION** YOU are a troubleshooter, and enjoy any kind of work that demands quick thinking and creative solutions to problems.

**SOCIAL LIFE** The Monkey is the most joyful sign in the Chinese zodiac. You are fond of people and appreciate speed and excitement.

**BUSINESS** Born under this sign, you are the master of all trades and you know what you want. No matter what you do, you will be able to make money on everything you touch.

**LOVE** YOU are romantic and fond of the opposite sex. Unfortunately, you are not very faithful, and have the tendency to move from one lover to the next.

**PARENTS** Your parents think that you are clever and exciting, but at times difficult, because you sometimes get into trouble, and they have to help you out.

**SIBLINGS** YOU are a cunning diplomat, but you get on well with close family members, because they find you loveable and fun to be around.

**CHILDREN** YOU love children and like to have many in your life. But once you get them, you may be so busy with your own concerns that you do not always have much time for them.

**TRAVEL** YOU like traveling to unknown places, as you are always curious and looking for excitement.

**HEALTH** YOU are strong in body and mind, but you tend to be too much on the go, so that you forget to take good care of yourself. Slow down a bit, you need to rest sometimes.

**INVESTMENTS** YOU are good at investments and manage to get people to join your projects. But sometimes you are too smart and then you can let yourself down.

**PROSPECTS** YOU can go far in life, but on the condition that you play your cards without cheating.

## WHAT KIND OF MONKEY ARE YOU?

### THE WOOD MONKEY 1944, 2004

This is a Monkey who lives up in the tress. You are clever and caring. When young you must get through a lot of hindrances, then life will be easier later on. Whatever your circumstances, you will succeed and lead a happy life.

### THE FIRE MONKEY 1920, 1992

This is a Monkey who lives in the fruit garden. You enjoy life, but can be restless. You are also enterprising. It is told in the stars that you will become powerful and rich, but you must work hard for your success.

### THE EARTH MONKEY 1908, 1968

This is a Monkey that stays in the mountains. You are clever and adventurous, and you will never manage to sit still. Your life is exciting, and you have a good business sense. You can become both rich and powerful.

### THE METAL MONKEY 1920, 1980

This is a very independent Monkey. You are both restless and indecisive. You will have to work hard in order to make ends meet. But you will have a wonderful and happy old age.

### THE WATER MONKEY 1932, 1992

You are a clever and elegant Monkey, very intelligent and sociable. But you tend to change your opinion too fast; try to stick to one thing at a time. You will have the chance to marry into a very rich family, and thus obtain power and fame.

## THE MONKEY IN OTHER YEARS

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RAT

Matters related to people and places abroad will be uppermost in your mind this year. Good news from overseas can be expected. If you are involved in the travel industry, you can expect to have a successful and profitable time. Those about to embark on a long trip have chosen a good time for doing so. Romance will also be an important part to your life this year, especially for those who are not engaged. An increase in family size is also in the air, and the year promises much luck and joy in general.

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE Ox

You will have a very quiet but rewarding year. It is also a year in which you will need to take great care with your health. You will have a chance for a more relaxed relationship to life. You will have a lot of physical energy, and this makes you warm and receptive. In most cases you would like to share your ideas and possibilities with your loved ones. A quiet and pleasant period without any problems, financial setbacks or bad news will be in store for you this year. This is also a good year for you to pay attention to your family. If you are single, you will consider a new relationship, something that will turn out to be very rewarding.

#### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE TIGER

Romance goes through a particularly rocky time in the year ahead of you. Long-term partnerships will also face problems. If you are suddenly attracted to member of the opposite sex, make certain that you are free to follow through. This is not a time to put relationships in jeopardy. Otherwise, you will find this year boring and slow. Routine seems to be unnecessarily hard and you are thwarted by interfering colleagues. Try not to lose your temper as you will come off worst if you become involved in arguments. Confrontations with marriage partners should also be avoided. Then the year will be wonderful.

#### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT

This is a year full of tension, which is not helped by pressures of work. Your workload will be higher than normal and you will find yourself struggling towards the end of the week. The end of the year should be spent in the company of people who relax and humor you. Avoid wasting time and energy as you will need all your strength for a potentially exhausting business trip. Get out and about, off the beaten track and get things done. Your boss will appreciate your aggressive attitude in order to land a contract ashore during this period.

**How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON**

Now it is time to make an extra effort to clear out the deadwood from your life. Unwanted friendships and acquaintances should be terminated in order to make way for new people to come into your life. You will benefit from the advice of a new friend at the end of this year, so keep your ears open during all casual conversations.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE**

This is a year with many upheavals. What happens at work this period ahead of you will upset your calculations for months ahead. You may have to lower your sights temporarily. Do not let this disillusion you, however, as things will work out to your advantage. This year is a bad time for romance, but you can make things much better with some effort. For those who are engaged, partners are likely to be difficult and argumentative.



#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE HORSE**

Helpful and heart-warming news is on the way, and probably comes from the direction of a good friend abroad. The positive side of this is that you can take what is being said and use it as a platform for your own plans. Creating more space for yourself is also a part of the scenario in what should be a positive year that belongs only to you.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE GOAT**

Things are bound to slow down a little bit for the beginning of the year, but this is only short-term. You tend to have a shortage of both energy and time, so it would be sensible to find ways and means of using both rather carefully. You can turn invitations to good use. It does not matter if the proposals come through business or are related to your social life, you cannot turn them down. Although it is still some time away, you may well have your sights firmly fixed on the coming summer period and your hopes for it.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN YOUR OWN YEAR**

With potentially exciting things happening in all the areas of life this year, there is nothing preventing you from being cheerful and quite positive in your general approach. Not everyone is inclined to agree with you at present, but you do have the persuasive powers to bring almost anyone round to your point of view during this period. You will have a busy time getting things straightened out.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER**

There are now some marvellous opportunities to broaden your horizons, not least with regard to making new friends. You will meet someone very interesting, particularly during the winter. This year is also good for planning a big journey. As time goes on you are more likely to be thinking about getting away from routines. You will certainly find this year to be an excellent one for all romantic matters. You are clearly able to let your partner know how you feel concerning any aspect of life and have more than enough cheek to carry out a daring personal plan. When you need support, you should find that it is ready and waiting in the wings. This is a period to act and to show your quality.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DOG**

This is another busy year, but do make certain that you know what is expected of you in advance. Nobody can tell you how you should behave at the moment, even if that is exactly what most seem to be doing. A new attitude to an old problem can help you out at the end of the year. But do not be at all reluctant to think big because there is every chance that you can make your most grandiose schemes pay off. The reaction of people in your vicinity is extraordinary and leads you to believe that you have it in you to get away with almost anything that occurs to you.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE PIG**

Everything seems to look good, but you will need to slow down a little and focus more on yourself. Now you should turn your attention, and your planning, towards your personal life, which looks more exciting than it has done for ages. Remove any obstacles from your personal path quickly. This does not prevent you from being yourself and from doing what comes naturally in a business and social sense. You might fancy a change of scene after work and can probably spend some time with a person who is special.

**FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY**

David Bellamy, Jacqueline Bisset, Roald Amundsen, Yul Brynner, Julius Caesar, Princess Caroline, Johnny Cash, Jaques Chirac, Charles Dickens, Paul Gauguin, King Haakon of Norway, Harry Houdini, Lyndon B. Johnson, Kiri Te Kanawa, Edward Kennedy, Peter OToole, Eleanor Roosevelt, Diana Ross, Bertrand Russel, Paul Scofield, Tom Selleck, Omar Sharif, Martin Shaw, Rod Stewart, Elizabeth Taylor, Harry Truman, Leonardo da Vinci, Duchess of Windsor, Zhao Ziyang.

**THE SIGN OF THE ROOSTER**

1.22.1909–2.9.1910

THE EARTH ROOSTER

2.8.1921–1.27.1922

THE METAL ROOSTER

1. 26.1933–2.13.1934

THE WATER ROOSTER

2.13.1945–2.1.1946

THE WOOD ROOSTER

1.31.1957–2.17.1958

THE FIRE ROOSTER

2.17.1969–2.5.1970

THE EARTH ROOSTER

2.5.1981–1.24.1982

THE METAL ROOSTER

1.23.1993–2.9.1994

THE WATER ROOSTER

2.9.2005–1.28.2006

THE WOOD ROOSTER

THE CHINESE NAME FOR THE ROOSTER: JI

THE TENTH SIGN IN THE CHINESE ZODIAC

THE HOURS THAT THE ROOSTER RULES:

5 PM - 7 PM

THE CORRESPONDING SIGN IN THE WESTERN  
SYSTEM: TAURUS

THE FIXED ELEMENT OF THE ROOSTER: EARTH

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROOSTER

The Rooster is above all a solar symbol, announcing the sun's rising with his morning song. The Rooster is also the emblem of the hero and of the guardian and protector of life. You can find the Rooster at the top of many buildings. As the Rooster, you are always on the watch, looking down on men and scanning the horizon. In announcing the break of the day you disperse ghosts and phantoms, the powers of illusion and darkness. You are the incarnation of the forces of youth, hope and clarity.

As the Rooster, your life will have ups and downs. You will have some problems during your childhood, youth and maturity. This will teach you to know the greatest joys and suffer

the greatest sorrows. Sometimes you will be rich, sometimes poor; sometimes you will be surrounded by friends, sometimes alone. But once you attain emotional stability and become settled in a profession, your life will become calm. You will enjoy a happy old age. The Lady Rooster does not lack any charm, especially when she is young. You attract a crowd of admirers around you, who you lead by the nose. There is no need to worry about your future, for you will almost always choose someone who is both brilliant and capable to support the family you want to establish. You will adapt to married life with wisdom and humor. You are sociable, communicative and very active. Traditionally the Lady Rooster is not easy to live with, for you jealously protect

your independence and refuse to allow any interference in your life.

Roosters can succeed in all professions that demand self-assurance, nerve and brilliance. Intelligent and skilful, you know how to convince and persuade others. Your taste for comfort and security encourages your desire for good pay, and your appreciation of efficiency and practicality, but you do dislike routine, and prefer independence to working in a subordinate position. In any case, you will manage and get by. Your life is never dull, and if you can be a little bit more patient, then you may well become both rich and famous.

THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

The Rooster crows and the world awakes to find the street filled with men on parade. Military marches and shining brass helmets will be seen everywhere and trumpets and drums will be the order of the day. Even a few insignificant cartoons of Mohammed could ignite the fury of the Muslim world, at the last part of the year of the Rooster in 2006. Many important events, celebrations and shows of strength take place in the year of the Rooster. In 1981, more than 100,000 people rallied in Trafalgar Square in London to support the People's March for Jobs. Later that year, six thousand people marched through London as a protest against an arson attack in Deptford, east London. On the political stage, there are many unexpected upheavals. In 1981, for instance, the Polish Prime Minister was replaced by an army general.

The Rooster's parades are quite different from the celebration of the Year of the Dragon,



which have lots of frivolities and firecrackers. However, the year of the Rooster will be full of extravagant, expensive and exciting events. In 1969, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first men to set foot on the Moon; the supersonic airliner Concorde made her first flight; and the liner the Queen Elizabeth II also set sail on her maiden voyage. The British Queen's Christmas Day message was televised for the first time in 1957. And in 1981 more than 800 million people watched the wedding of Lady Diana Spencer and Prince Charles on television.

This year of the Rooster will not be a good year for inactive people. There is enough work to be carried out in the farmyard. Daydreamers might have their time, but not for long. But it is also important not to expect to get rich in a hurry. Constant effort and hard work are to be done before getting any reward. ICI, one of the biggest companies in the world, made a record loss of £121 million in 1981, and in the same year Sir James Goldsmith's *Now* magazine

closed down after losing £6 million.

During the year of the Rooster it is time to act honestly, show what you can do, and work hard. You may even get married, join the army, or become a priest, but do not try to fool around. This year will not make you grow fat. You might even make no money at all, but you will certainly learn to be straightforward and respect the laws. Big Brother is watching you!

ASCENDANTS OF THE ROOSTER

THE HOUR OF THE RAT «ZI»

**11 PM - 1 AM**

You are extra intelligent and skilful, but at the same time you tend to be very conceited. The Rooster in you is generous and has so many ideas about how to spend the money you make; luckily the Rat in you is occupied with saving your money. Maybe it would be wise of you to get a job where you can use your talents to run a business with other people's money.

THE HOUR OF THE OX «ZHOU»

**1 AM - 3 AM**

You are energetic and responsible for what you do. You like to argue almost about everything before taking any action. Often you apply your colorful rhetoric instead of your iron fists. This is a good combination of both the soldier and the priest.

You possess a fascinating personality. Here is someone who is a troubleshooter meeting someone who is quarrelsome and aggressive. You will not allow anyone to get away with anything without your own voice being heard first. Luckily you are a reasonable person as long as you are not provoked.

You are always on the alert. You always look to control a situation and be the master of your own destiny. With this combination, you are generous, lively and have a pure heart. But you can be very indecisive at times.

You feel at ease in high positions, both in the geographic and the hierarchical sense of the term. You prefer the top of the tower or a top floor with terrace. You will always be in front, and nothing is better than dominating, controlling and supervising in all circumstances.

ASCENDANTS OF THE ROOSTER

THE HOUR OF THE TIGER «YIN»

**3 AM - 5 AM**

THE HOUR OF THE RABBIT «MAO»

**5 AM - 7 AM**

THE HOUR OF THE DRAGON «ZHEN»

**7 AM - 9 AM**

THE HOUR OF THE SNAKE «Si»

## **9 AM - 11 AM**

An intuitive and frank animal, you accomplish your tasks with a generous heart and with much good will and honesty. This doesn't prevent you from feeling uneasy, however. Surprisingly, perhaps, you don't suffer from the Snake's tendency to become sidetracked. You have a need to shine and surround himself with costly and beautiful things; this may appear superficial, but it is vital for your morale.

THE HOUR OF THE HORSE «Wu»

## **11 AM - 1 PM**

While distinguished, loyal and generous, you are also at times very indecisive. Sometimes you like to stand out from the crowd and dominate, sometimes you prefer to stay behind to control. These two kinds of behavior clash and at times can be destructive.

Generous and outgoing, this animal is honest and pure. But your character will often prove unreliable and difficult to pin down. You have the tendency to kick out and back away, as you will not accept ties, advice or any form of dependency.

Very proud of yourself, you are not in the least bit modest or self-effacing. You see to it that you never go unnoticed and care a great deal about the effect you produce on others. Lacking neither intelligence nor good taste, you are irresistibly attracted by all that glitters.

This creature does not pass unnoticed. Others turn to look at you: you are always dressed in the latest fashion, are rather proud, and try to stand out among your companions. You dream constantly of being in the front. You are the symbol of vigilance, both protector and look-out. But you might be rather aggressive, susceptible, intolerant, and rebellious if contradicted.

ASCENDANTS OF THE ROOSTER

THE HOUR OF THE GOAT «WEI»

**1 PM - 3 PM**

THE HOUR OF THE MONKEY «SHEN»

**3 PM - 5 PM**

THE HOUR OF THE ROOSTER «YU»

**5 PM - 7 PM**

ASCENDANTS OF THE ROOSTER

THE HOUR OF THE DOG «XU»

**7 P M • 9 P M**

You are imbued with honor and fidelity. With this combination, you are a natural guardian. You are very self-assured, and yet you are capable of looking into yourself and tempering your aggressiveness. You will make your way by night as well as day, straddling the two worlds of shade and sun. You will persevere, but without any wish for dominance or revenge.

THE HOUR OF THE PIG «HAI»

**9 PM - 11 PM**

With this combination you are a strange and solitary traveller. You stand out in a crowd by your attitude toward life rather than by appearance. You seek a hiding place in which you can bury your treasures, far from the eyes of the world.

## FEATURES OF THE ROOSTER

**QUALITIES** YOU have a stable character and vision enough to follow what is happening around you. Your ideas and goals in life are very realistic and you are bound to go far with that attitude.

**LUCK** Usually you will be very lucky, because you will always get support and help from a work colleague or a friend.

**MONEY** YOU can get yourself into financial trouble if you do not handle your financial matters in a proper way. You are very good at making money, but you also have the tendency to spend it.

**PROFESSION** YOU like to be the boss and prefer to do things on your own.

**SOCIAL LIFE** Your social life is active. You are fond of people and thrive when you have many things to attend to.

**BUSINESS** Here you can apply your real talents; nothing can really frighten you. Everything is done effectively and thoroughly. Even better, you are always very creative and find the right solutions to your tasks.

## FEATURES OF THE ROOSTER

**LOVE YOU** will meet the great love of your life and the relationship will prosper, though at times it might be very awkward. Then of course you will have to give a lot of love, and everything will work out right.

**PARENTS** Your parents love you dearly and you do appreciate their support and understanding.

**SIBLINGS** Though you quarrel with your close ones, they will forgive you for being too direct. There is much love and harmony between you.

**CHILDREN** You will have many children, but you prefer to let them handle life themselves. You are convinced that it is better for them to follow their own head.

**TRAVELS YOU** will be traveling frequently, and these will be experiences that you will take with you through your life.

**HEALTH** YOU are strong, but you tend to catch a cold very easily, as the throat is the weak point in your body. Pay attention to your kidneys as well, but if you are careful, nothing serious will happen to you.

**INVESTMENTS** You can just do what you like, because you know how to make money. Anything you touch will turn to gold, but do not be too greedy.

**PROSPECTS YOU** do not give up easily, and are clever in whatever you engage in. In other words, you will manage on your own, and no serious problems will force a retreat.



## WHAT KIND OF ROOSTER ARE YOU?

### THE WOOD ROOSTER 1945, 2005

You are the Rooster that likes to sing. You are nice and straightforward; maybe you talk or sing too much without thinking of what you have to tell. You will have a long and prosperous life and the relationship between you and your family will be good. The female Wood Rooster is a very good housewife.

### THE FIRE ROOSTER 1957, 2017

You are the Rooster that seeks to do things your own way. However, you are sensitive and sociable, and you prefer to be acquainted with influential people. Your youth will be somewhat difficult but your old age will be well secured. The female Fire Rooster is talented, elegant and happy.

### THE EARTH ROOSTER 1969, 2029

You are the Rooster that shouts and show the way. You will have a good life, but your family relationships will be troubled. You are both clever and understanding. Children will come late in your life. A female born in these years will be thrifty, but erratic.

### THE METAL ROOSTER 1921, 1981

You are the Rooster that is born in a cage. You are both intelligent and active. You like to debate and people will respect your integrity. The female Metal Rooster is both talented and lucky.

### THE WATER ROOSTER 1933, 1993

You are the Rooster born in the hen barn, and you are both straightforward and righteous. You love gossip and have difficulty in keeping a secret. You will not receive any money from your family - in other words, you will have to manage on your own. However, throughout life you will be able to see new possibilities and you will never be poor. You will have a happy and harmonious old age.

## THE ROOSTER IN OTHER YEARS

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RAT

This is a year where everything will be focused on your family. All matters relating to family members will now take up most of your time, leaving you little time to create the practical space you need for career prospects. Some patience is required, but you might find this hard to discover inside yourself at the moment. Experience and practical sense count in most situations right now. Private life continues to take up much of your time and you may be planning to spend more time with those closest to you this year. In the meantime, you need to finalize more practical aspects of things so that you can let others pick up the baton.

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE Ox

You should now have more time to spend upon the more practical aspects of life and can even turn rather difficult situations to your own advantage. It is only a matter of time before you discover that a problem is about to be solved and you will be pleased to get your thinking head on for the benefit of a friend. Fun and pleasure are very important to you this period, so there probably will not be quite the level of time for practical considerations that this time might otherwise demand of you. Keep an eye on finances, which are probably not very strong at the moment. They improve by the end of the year, so you need patience.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE TIGER**

This is a good year for employers to find new ways of dealing with workers. If you are involved in the import/export business you can expect to start a very profitable period. This is a good time to introduce new lines to prospective customers. Romance is shaky and you should act very carefully, but if you are willing to invest more of your time and feeling, you will have a wonderful year.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT**

This year is a time where caution is required when operating anything mechanical or electrical. There is a danger of accident if you are careless. Read instructions carefully before fiddling around with equipment you've never used before. The best part of the year is from summer onwards. You will not want to stray very far away from home - which is something of a change for you. Work will prosper and your financial situation will certainly improve this year.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON**

Start the year as you mean to carry on. This is not a good period for making too many changes at one time, so fix your targets and keep to them. You could find that you are carrying the problems of a colleague on your shoulders; be strong enough to hand them back if they are too much for you. Romance will improve as long as you put more efforts into the relationship.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE**

This is going to be a very exciting year. You appear to be changing your feelings towards someone in a drastic manner; make a clean break if this is the case. Hanging on to crumbling relationships will only lead to sorrow and heartbreak. Work matters are routine with nothing much to bother you in this area. So this should be a good year for reorganizing things within your working environment and private life. Do not be put off by complaints of colleagues, you are doing things the right way. Superiors will be easy to approach. Domestic affairs are still not running smoothly; discussions with partners could go a long way to remedying this state of affairs.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE HORSE**

There are many things for you to handle this year. Do not allow colleagues to take advantage of your good nature, especially where loans are involved. Lending money now will lead to complications later when you try to get it back. Do not try to complete important business deals in the middle of the year. It will be difficult to contact or communicate effectively with influential people. Colleagues will not get back into work mode after recent festivities. People at your workplace will be congenial enough but will lack the necessary driving force to get anything going.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE GOAT**

This year you may be feeling uncertain about a career development. If you are at all unhappy with things as they are, consult superiors to find out your next move. Finances could get a small boost in the middle of the year. Romance may not develop along lines to your liking. Someone you thought you could trust may be out to deceive you in one way or another. Devote some time to creative work that gives you an opportunity to make good use of your active imagination.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY**

This year needs to be different: it is now time you give your career plans a push. Set things in motion this year for best effect and do not allow weaker colleagues to stand in your way. Romantic encounters in your work environment take on a serious note, so make certain that your intended is not spoken for. Money matters require very cautious handling. People born under this sign must be cautious regarding the persons with whom they have financial dealings. Speculation in any form would be most hazardous. You will have a tendency to be careless with money. Keep personal spending within reasonable limits. Guard your wallet in every sense this year.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN YOUR OWN YEAR**

Home and property affairs are badly starred this year and you could find yourself making a big mistake where a new house or a move is concerned. Avoid signing contracts and do not make any financial commitments. This period will find you in pensive mood. Do not make partners' lives a misery. Get things done in a proper way. There will be much to achieve at the end of the year. Enlist the help of an older colleague should you find it necessary. Younger members of the staff are out to stop you getting what you want. Do nothing this year that could lead to gossip.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DOG**

You will need to take one step at a time in the year ahead of you, as you may be too anxious to move about. Think where all this travel will get you. Do not make a journey to see influential people unless you have a definite appointment. Much time and expense could be wasted on the go this year. Conduct business by telephone wherever possible. Be a little more tactful in handling family matters and watch your temper. Do not say anything in the heat of a moment that you would immediately regret.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE PIG**

Family problems can be sorted out this year with the help of a senior member of your family. Put all your cards on the table if you wish for a solution to be found. Financially this is not a good time for the gambler, so stakes should be kept within reason. Romance develops along the lines you wish for. This quiet and relaxed period gives you the opportunity to plan future moves. There is unlikely to be any great pressure from above now. No new problems will develop in your regular job. Everything connected with routine should progress at a steady rate. This is an excellent time for giving free rein to your natural talents.



FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER  
Emperor Akihito of Japan, Francis Bacon,  
Janet Baker, Dirk Bogarde, Barbara Taylor  
Bradford, Michael Caine, Enrico Caruso,  
Eric Clapton, Grover Cleveland, Joan Collins,  
Rita Coolidge, Peter Drucker, Alexander  
Dubcek, James Garner, Alex Haley, Richard  
Harris, Goldie Hawn, Katharine Hepburn,  
Jane Mansfield, Steve Martin, Yoko Ono,  
Dolly Parton, Michelle Pfeiffer, Prince Philip,  
Roman Polanski, Peter Ustinov, Richard  
Wagner, Edmond Yang, Lester Young.

THE SIGN OF THE DOG

2.10.1910-1.29.1911

THE METAL DOG\*

1.28.1922-2.15.1923

THE WATER DOG

2.14.1934-2.3.1935

THE WOOD DOG

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2.2.1946-1.21.1947

THE FIRE DOG

2.18.1958-2.7.1959 ..

THE EARTH DOG

2.6.1970-1.26.1971

THE METAL DOG

1.25.1982-2.12.1983

THE WATER DOG

2.10.1994-1.30.1995

THE WOOD DOG

1.29.2006-2.17.2007

THE FIRE DOG

THE CHINESE NAME FOR THE DOG: Gou

THE ELEVENTH SIGN IN THE CHINESE  
ZODIAC

THE HOURS THAT THE DOG RULES:

7 PM - 9 PM

THE CORRESPONDING SIGN IN THE WESTERN  
SYSTEM: ARIES

THE FIXED ELEMENT OF THE DOG: METAL

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DOG

The Dog has always been considered to be pessimistic and anxious, but the origin of his torments are rarely investigated. Yet the Dog is the faithful companion of man, an affectionate pet and even a status symbol for his owner. The life of the Dog, as told by the ancient Chinese, will often be unstable, except during childhood, and only then will it be happy if his parents are protective. His youth is often tormented by difficult love affairs, which rarely leave him with good memories. His maturity will be haunted by nightmares, and his old age saddened by regrets at failing to have profited from life when he was young enough to do so. But luckily there are different kinds of Dogs, so life will be easier for some

and more exciting and difficult for others. It is said that Dogs born during daytime are luckier than those born at night. This is because the «day» Dog will not have to be on guard, while the «night» Dog will have to be on watch and lead a Dog's life.

As the Lady Dog you are more ambitious and aspire to material security. You are gifted and creative, but you are also impatient, lacking in perseverance and tend to leave things half-finished. You are also attractive and adore deep conversation, being more sociable than your counterpart Mr. Dog. You are happiest when surrounded by friends, children and pets - be it in a palace, a suburban house or a flat. Your only fault lies in a tendency to be narrow-minded, being unable to appreciate things which are not part of your immediate universe.

## THE YEAR OF THE DOG

This is a very special year with many strange events. At the same time this is a year with lots of shake-ups, so do not think you can get by on your wits alone. The world's great injustices seem to have gone too long unchecked, so it is time to take heart. Under the serious influence of the Dog there will be more than one hand to lift the sword of righteous indignation, and there will be lots of dogfights on every level. Fights for a better deal for the weak and underprivileged will take place all year. Fortunately, things will be settled calmly and balance will be restored. In 1910, Labour Exchanges were established in Britain, making payments to the unemployed. In 1970, after a long legal

battle, large financial payments were awarded to the victims of thalidomide.

It is a year to put the true values of life before material concerns. The mood will be one of serious discussion and moral issues will be the main topic. In 1946, the General Assembly of the United Nations opened in New York. That same year, Italy voted to become a Republic. In 1958, the foundations were laid for the Common Market in Western Europe. It was also in that year that Lord Russell launched the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in Great Britain.

It will be no coincidence that the themes of a Dog's year are unity, egalitarianism and a common purpose. Amid all the idealism, there will also be some time for pleasure.

Some of the world's greatest entertainers were born in the year of the Dog, including Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson and Madonna. But most of our energies will be spent on putting the world to rights, not entertaining it.

Remember what happened with the Danish cartoon of Mohammed: the whole Muslim world was furious and enraged. Dogs do not care for rich or poor, they just want to reform. Investors everywhere will also have to tighten their belts, and some businessmen will become so slim they will go under. In 1982, the socialist-controlled Greater London Council (GLC) doubled London Transport's fare and caused resentment. One very positive thing is that wars that begin in the year of the Dog do not drag on - the Falklands War was

in 1982 - and victory invariably falls to those defending freedom.

You will not make too much money, but this is a year with no shortage of justice. There will also be much detective work. This is not the right year to steal and fool around. On a personal level, it will be a time to cut down on personal expenses, to diet and get fit; no more expense-account living or boozy nights in town.

ASCENDANTS OF THE DOG

THE HOUR OF THE RAT «ZI»

**II PM - I AM**

The Dog in you wants to be righteous and impartial, but the Rat in you does not care how you get hold of your money, even at the expense of the conscience of the Dog. Luckily this is also a very good combination for being a successful writer, or a journalist with a sharp pen.

THE HOUR OF THE OX «ZHOU»

**I AM - 3 AM**

You are a serious fighter on the side of righteousness, who could be rather boring if you are not rescued by the Dog's stable temper. Well, at least you are willing to listen to what others have to say before you put them to a court martial.

THE HOUR OF THE TIGER «YIN»

**3 AM - 5 AM**

You are a very reasonable and cooperative person, and this of course results from the Dog in you. Your bad temper as the Tiger will be slowed down by the Dog's willingness to compromise. But your mouth is as sharp as a razor.

The Dog is open and friendly because of the Rabbit in you. You will be less self-absorbed and you care more for those less fortunate than yourself. You are a very honest, comfortable Dog with a lot of admirers.

You inspire confidence, and with good reason; one can trust you as a friend and rely on your word. With this combination you are a loyal, dedicated and faithful animal who appreciates the luck you have throughout life.

With the Snake you have a keen moral sense, are intuitive, but have a tendency to be rather pessimistic. Life with you can be very complicated. You are the kind to torment yourself to excess, announcing the onset of a hurricane at the hint of a rising wind, or a deluge after a few drops of rain. You are always on the watch and constantly on guard, so try to relax when the opportunity arises.

THE HOUR OF THE RABBIT «MAO»

**5 AM - 7 AM**

THE HOUR OF THE DRAGON «ZHEN»

**7 AM - 9 AM**

THE HOUR OF THE SNAKE «SI»

**9 AM - 11 AM**



ASCENDANTS OF THE DOG

THE HOUR OF THE HORSE «WU»

**II AM - I PM**

You are loyal and faithful. You tenaciously make progress 24 hours a day, prompted by your intuition. You succeed in controlling both your pride and your fear of failure, never hesitating to smile at your own defects and weaknesses, yet you remain ardent and passionate. You are truly a reliable working Horse.

THE HOUR OF THE GOAT «WEI»

**I PM - 3 PM**

You are gifted with remarkable intuition. Unfortunately you tend to complicate your life, forever changing your moods, ideas and decisions, constantly retracing your steps and becoming distrustful and pessimistic. However, you are also faithful and courageous.

ASCENDANTS OF THE DOG

THE HOUR OF THE MONKEY «SHEN»

**3 PM • 5 PM**

You are extremely intuitive and it is difficult to fool you; you will always find your way despite obstacles and difficulties. But you have a tendency to complicate your life because, to you, everything is very serious. You hate simplicity, straight lines and pre-planned routes.

You are imbued with honor and fidelity, and with this combination you are a natural guardian. You are capable of questioning your handsome self-assurance and looking inside to temper your aggressiveness. You will make you way 24 hours a day, straddling the two worlds of light and dark. You will persevere without wanting to dominate or be vengeful.

THE HOUR OF THE ROOSTER «Yu»

**5 PM - 7 PM**

ASCENDANTS OF THE DOG

THE HOUR OF THE DOG «Xu»

7 I M - 9 I M

You will be fearful, forever on guard and rearing up at the slightest sound. You will be a pessimist, riddled with anxiety. The only remedy will be to communicate with people who oblige you to come out of yourself, out of your comfort zone and to believe in yourself. You will tend to crawl along, unsure of yourself, going so far as to question why you are alive at all.

THE HOUR OF THE PIG «HAI»

9 I M - II I M

This combination makes you suited to solitude; you will not hesitate to take wooded paths far from the main roads. By doing so, you will gain self-confidence and your natural self-doubt will be less apparent and you won't be a worry to your friends. You will always remain an enigmatic and mysterious person to those around you.

## FEATURES OF THE DOG

**QUALITIES** You are solid and faithful, but you tend to be too careful and pessimistic. It is wise of you not to be too worried before you do anything, because you will always manage to survive.

**LUCK AS** a Dog, either you are very rich, or you do not own anything. The different types of Dogs have different fates, but most of you are positive and go through life with faith in your own success.

**MONEY** YOU have a definite talent in matters of finance, and you are good at chasing up business. Trust your intuition and you may go far.

**PROFESSION** You are a good employee and you will reach the top, because you are also a good administrator. It will not be long before you will be the boss.

**SOCIAL LIFE** You can be very reserved and careful, but you thrive with those you really know.

**BUSINESS** YOU are skilful with your projects and keep to schedules, but you will probably have to fight for it. Keep your feet on the ground and do not give up without a fight.

**LOVE** YOU will have to search for your love for some time, as you are very demanding and particular. But if you find the right person, you will be both caring and romantic.

**PARENTS** Your parents are either very fond of you, or they will think of you as a rebel who is fighting constantly. It is of course up to you to tackle such a situation.

**SIBLINGS** YOU take good care of your sisters and brothers, especially if you are the eldest one in the family. If that's the case, you will have great influence on them later in life.

**CHILDREN** AS a parent you are both tough and strict, but actually you care deeply about them and love them above anyone else.

**TRAVELS** YOU really get excited about traveling. You are always looking for the best possible spot to spend your holidays with your loved ones so that you can have a wonderful time.

**HEALTH** YOU are strong and it is seldom that you get sick. But you are often tense and you might have some mental problems if you are not careful.

**INVESTMENTS** YOU will make good money in real estate and through brokerage because you have a good sense for finance.

**PROSPECTS** If you stop grumbling and have faith in yourself, then you will go far in life.

WHAT KIND OF DOG ARE YOU?  
THE WOOD DOG 1934, 1994

A fine Watch Dog, you are good at telling the true, always active and want to put things right. You will be famous and reach the top just as you have planned.

THE FIRE DOG 1946, 2006

You are a pet, you do not need to toil and strive too much. Within a reasonable time you will become famous and powerful. Your life will be easy and full of opportunities.

## WHAT KIND OF DOG ARE YOU?

### THE EARTH DOG 1958, 2118

This is the Mountain Dog that thrives in the woods and the forest. You are clever and independent. Though there will be difficulties early in your life, you will have a happy old age. You can make your name in an artistic field.

### THE METAL DOG 1910, 1970

This is a Dog that lives in the temple. You have a nice time and thrive with people who are learned and wise. Your life will be happy and you will have a particularly comfortable old age.

### THE WATER DOG 1922, 1982

You are the family Dog; you like to help the people you are with. You will have hectic days, but you enjoy being helpful to others. You are fond of traveling, and you can be quite adventurous and will have a good and interesting life.

## THE DOG IN OTHER YEARS

### How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RAT

Much that once seemed impossible to achieve within the family circle will be accomplished in this period, if you are prepared to give and take; a selfish attitude will work against you. However, this year is going to be busy, so prepare yourself for some hard work. This will work in your favor, so you should put yourself out wherever possible. Jealous relatives cause problems and arguments between yourself and loved ones, but you will manage. Younger members of the family are also difficult; luckily this period is short-lived.

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE Ox

Your organizing ability will come in handy this year due to a superior's absence. If giving orders, make certain that you do so in a friendly manner, as an overbearing attitude will work against you and you will get no cooperation when you most need it. Do not try to go it alone, you need all the help you can muster. You should perhaps seek knowledge that would be helpful to your creative work.



**How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE TIGER**

This is a good year for anything that does not require a great deal of cooperation from outsiders. Much of value can be learned by visiting a library, museum, or similar place of learning. At the end of the year a sudden health problem could cause you to cancel a long-planned social event. You will, however, make up for it later on. At the same time, make an effort to contact people who could be of special help when it comes to furthering your career. If you have your mind set on a creative career, remember it is essential to make the best possible use of personal introductions. People who matter are likely to favor you this year.

**How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT**

You should have no difficulty projecting your personality in a likeable manner. A recent investment should begin paying off now. Coupled with the events that took place last year, you should be able to look back with some satisfaction. Just bear in mind that anything to do with romance will be going the right way. You may not be thinking straight where money is concerned. It would be extremely dangerous to make new investments now. Expert advice will cost little and could eliminate the possibility of loss if you act on your own. New business propositions must be carefully investigated. Be wary about getting too deeply involved with people you meet for the first time. Try to avoid becoming too emotional.

#### How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON

Opposition to your plans from your mate will be difficult for you to understand this year. The actions of loved ones may appear totally illogical to you. It would best not to get involved in family disputes with people who are acting impulsively. This is a first-class period for getting down to the essentials of work and business. Deal with priorities and go straight to the top. Romance will be exciting: someone you date for the first time is likely to turn out to be more than a ship that passes in the night.

#### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE

You may have to alter your plans for this year in order to avoid serious arguments. Although you might feel that people are behaving irrationally, they will be calling the tune at this time. Cooperation will be difficult. However, this is a good time for jobs that give you an opportunity to demonstrate your artistic prowess, especially if you can handle them alone.

HOW YOU WILL **FARE IN** THE YEAR OF THE HORSE

Use intelligence rather than pure force this year. Additional money can be made through increased mental activity rather than physical energy. Creative enterprises can be made more valuable by joining forces with people who have specialized knowledge that you appear to lack. There will be no need to go it alone. This is an excellent time for teamwork on any level. Travel should be postponed at this time. This is not a good time for making a long journey, whether for business or for pleasure. If you cannot avoid it, then be particularly cautious if driving. Do not take any risks on the highway. Check your car before setting out, especially tire pressure.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE GOAT**

This could be a very hard year, as a member of your family may not be feeling too well. It might therefore be necessary to cancel any reservations that you have made. At the same time you should keep impulsive tendencies in check, and this will be a good time for business. You must watch your extravagant streak. If you play your cards right, you could raise your earnings considerably in the not too distant future. A more romantic period than usual will be awaiting you.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY**

No one and nothing is likely to interfere with your plans for this year. This will be one of the most enjoyable times, when you can do exactly as you please. Home and job pressures ought to be reduced considerably. Trips and visits will be successful, especially if you are visiting dear friends or relatives you have not seen for some time. They will be happy to see you. You are actually a much more simple and gentle person than many others, and maybe this is part of the reason why you are willing to spend time on your own, away from the rat-race and the many demands that the rest of the world seems to make of you. Congratulations may be in store for the family, so take time out to offer them.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER**

This is a year for optimism and pleasure. You become more relaxed, to the point where you might overdo it. Love could be warm and natural for you this year, this is because you are less demanding of things around you. You are friendly and open, you see many positive sides to your life. Even bigger conflicts with your partner have a tendency to be solved without bad feelings. You want to do things in your own way and are much more easy to understand. However, it is wise of you to divide your tasks into sections, so that things can be done one step at a time. At the beginning of the year you will have many ways to get things done, and you will spend more money, as you can afford it. Everything will work out all right for you, and a longer trip that you have been looking for will be realized.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN YOUR OWN YEAR**

This should be a happy and successful year for socializing. Give more attention to pleasure than to regular work. It is likely that you have been ignoring the wishes of your family to a certain extent; do all that you can to remedy the situation now. There will be opportunities to work on creative projects that mean a great deal to you but these will not interfere with romantic moments with your chosen one. Avoid activities with large groups of people. Do what you can to make this period a pleasant one for immediate family.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE PIG**

Reward yourself for a job well done this year with a pat on the back, rather than buying something for yourself. Advice received at this time may negate what you were told a short time ago. Unexpected income could come your way. Do what you can to make money from a creative enterprise. Hobbies could easily become part-time jobs. See what you can do to win support for your new ideas from people in a position to help you. Romance will be exciting and stimulating this year.

FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN IN THE YEAR OF **THE DOG**, Brigitte Bardot, Candice Bergen, David Bowie, Kate Bush, George W. Bush junior, King Carl Gustav of Sweden, Cher, Chou En-lai, Bill Clinton, Henry Cooper, Jamie Lee Curtis, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Ava Gardner, Michael Jackson, Sophia Loren, Shirley MacLaine, MiSbanna, Norman Mailer, Winnie Mandela, Golda Meir, Elvis Presley, Sylvester Stallone, Sharon Stone, Mother Teresa, Voltaire, Prince William, Shelly Winters, Ian Woosnam.

**THE SIGN OF THE PIG**

1.30.1911–2.17.1912

THE METAL PIG

2.16.1923–2.4.1924

THE WATER PIG

2.4.1935–1.23.1936

THE WOOD PIG

1.22.1947–2.9.1948

THE FIRE PIG

2.8.1959–1.27.1960

THE EARTH PIG

1.27.1971–1.15.1972

THE METAL PIG

2.13.1983–2.1.1984

THE WATER PIG

1.31.1995–2.18.1996

THE WOOD PIG

2.18.2007–2.6.2008

THE FIRE PIG

THE CHINESE NAME FOR THE PIG: ZHU

THE TWELFTH SIGN IN THE CHINESE ZODIAC

THE HOURS THAT THE PIG RULES:

9 PM – 11 PM

THE CORRESPONDING SIGN IN THE WESTERN

SYSTEM: PISCES

THE FIXED ELEMENT OF THE PIG: METAL



## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PIG

In the Chinese horoscope, the Pig symbolizes courage, prosperity and nobility. The childhood of the Pig will be calm, peaceful and protected. His youth will be burdened with many emotional problems and his maturity with family problems. He should make an effort to attain emotional stability. He will enjoy a prosperous old age.

The sign of the Pig is the most honest and at the same time the most scrupulous of all the animals in the Chinese zodiac. As the Pig you come into the world with a suitcase of slightly old-fashioned sentiments, such as goodness, altruism, indulgence and tolerance, plus optimism and an admirable belief that mankind can improve. But at times you will

be misunderstood and, needless to say, that's when the vultures immediately pounce on you. People tend to believe that you are naive, credulous, over-confident, an easy mark and vaguely stupid.

However, some distinction is necessary. As the Pig you are rather credulous, but only in the sense that you prefer to see the good side of people and things. You try to put yourself in the place of others, and to understand the worst of people. You believe that there always exists, somewhere, a pure little flame of goodness that must be protected and maintained.

As the Lady Pig you are faithful by nature, but demanding and highly discriminating. You can also be rather jealous and possessive; you expect your partner to be honest and as heartfelt in his feelings as you are. This is also why you are very careful when choosing a mate. When you are satisfied and happy with a relationship, you are extremely reliable, peaceful and optimistic.

As the Pig you are lucky with money. When you do not earn it yourself, you will find someone to give it to you and you invariably end your days rather wealthy. And if you prefer to handle your business affairs yourself, you can be quite the money machine. Cash will come with very little effort. You will never be out of money - at least this is what the Chinese tradition says.

#### THE YEAR OF THE PIG

This year will give a boost to your bank account. Now it is time to pamper yourself and make sure you take your fill. Spend money on your home, invest in a new house or make changes to the one you already have. You can afford to buy a new car, a washing machine and a fancy refrigerator, perhaps. If you are at the right age, it is time to settle down and establish your own family. And if you have already been married once and it didn't work out, try again.

During the year of the Pig you will enjoy uncomplicated romance, make piles of money, and wealth will be everywhere. This is also a time to express yourself openly. In 1971, the Divorce Reform Act of Great Britain came into

being. Also in 1971, a 21-year trade embargo between the West and China was finally lifted - the telephone link between Britain and China was re-established.

However, with all kinds of growth and expansion, both in the private and commercial sectors, you will have to be careful; you will grow fat and not be able to run away from potential danger. The year of the Pig will not be so kind to those who do not look after what they have earned with care. There will be lots of people who will get out of control. Though the Pig is an animal at ease with itself, we still need to pay close attention to things. In 1959, General Batista of Cuba miscalculated the mood of his country and was overthrown by a young revolutionary, Fidel Castro.

The year of the Pig is not a good year for great political changes. You will find new dishes at many of the world's restaurants, but there will be no major upheavals on the world stage. Conflicts will be kept at a minimum, with profit and pleasure played to the maximum. In 1911, British MPs were paid for the first time. The Pig loves fun and hard work at the same time, and this is the year when attention will be paid to both. You will be very satisfied with what you can achieve and the Pig's luck will always be by your side.

ASCENDANTS OF THE PIG

THE HOUR OF THE RAT «ZI»

II **PM** - I **AM**

You have a deadly charm and at times can be very selfish. Furthermore, you are very fond of your family life and you take good care of the people around you. You are very curious and you could be a very good writer if you want to.

THE HOUR OF THE OX «ZHOU»

I **AM** - 3 **AM**

You are by nature a warm Pig, though you can be very demanding and conservative. You lack the self-confidence to get things done thoroughly. Luckily, you are very diligent so that this gives you some kind of compensation. However, you are too fond of food and forget to keep in good shape.

THE HOUR OF THE TIGER «YIN»

3 **AM** - 5 **AM**

You are a very impulsive and naive Pig. You are happy and satisfied - as long as you get what you want. Though many people find you hard work and possessive, this is because of your desire to get attention and friendship from people around you.

ASCENDANTS OF THE PIG

A solitary animal who is slightly disquieting, but perfectly organized. You act rather mysteriously; one never knows what you are really up to. However, you are nice and friendly, and when it is needed; you can even be very helpful.

THE HOUR OF THE RABBIT «MAO»

**5 AM - 7 AM**

With the Pig alongside the Dragon, you are a solitary wanderer, seeking a treasure that perhaps you do not know how to keep. You will tend to gain material and spiritual wealth, and your life will never be dull.

THE HOUR OF THE DRAGON «ZHEN»

**7 AM - 9 AM**

While you are peaceful, secretive and sensitive, you are also a bad loser. You prefer solitude to risking failure. Besides, you tend to have difficulties in making any decisions. Sometimes the Pig in you will trick the Snake, getting yourself in trouble.

THE HOUR OF THE SNAKE «SI»

**9 AM - 11 AM**

ASCENDANTS OF THE PIG

THE HOUR OF THE HORSE «WU»

**II AM - I PM**

Endowed with broad and clear intelligence, this combination makes you well aware of the pride that eats away at you. You have a tendency to overrate the true value of your possessions and conquests, and to overlook their impermanence. Your passion and impulsiveness often gives way to doubt and mystery, but in the end you will succeed.

THE HOUR OF THE GOAT «WEI»

**I P M . . . P M**

You will not be easy to tame. This combination makes you very suspicious, and you will seek solitude in thickets and among hidden rocky paths. You are stubborn, obstinate and sometimes even narrow-minded. Being too proud, you are slow to recognize your errors, but that does not prevent you being tolerant and always ready to forgive.

You are adept at living in solitude. And you are very clear-sighted; in fact, you have a built-in lie detector that sometimes resembles clairvoyance. With this combination you are not easy to live with; you have your own conception of how life should be and will not tolerate having other views imposed upon you.

THE HOUR OF THE MONKEY «SHEN»

**3 PM - 5 PM**

With this combination you are a strange and solitary traveler. You stand out in a crowd by your attitude towards life rather by appearance. In order to achieve this, you will seek a hiding place in which you can bury your treasures, far from the eyes of the world.

THE HOUR OF THE ROOSTER «YU»

**5 A M " 7 A M**

THE HOUR OF THE DOG «XU»

**7 PM - 9 PM**

This combination means you adapt well to solitude; you will not hesitate to take the wooded path, far from the main road. By doing so, you will gain self-confidence and your natural self-doubt will be less apparent and won't be a worry to your friends. In any case, you will always remain an enigmatic and mysterious person to those immediately around you.

THE HOUR OF THE PIG «HAI»

**9 PM - 11 PM**

This is a very solitary and unsociable animal who likes to keep to the back roads and get off the beaten track. You are an original who dislikes the company of passing animals. You love to travel on new and unknown paths, seeking out the mysteries of life, taking shelter in the thickets and shrubs while waiting for night to fall before continuing on your way. You are instinctive and intuitive, obeying only your own law.



## FEATURES OF THE PIG

**QUALITIES** YOU are nice and caring, but you tend to be persistent and intense. However, you are enterprising, so you are not as lazy as people think you are.

**LUCK** You are born in a sign of fortune and luck, the most favored in the Chinese zodiac. You lack a little bit of self-belief; if you finally develop it, fortune will follow you through life.

**MONEY** You can be very rich through being nice to people around you.

**PROFESSION** YOU like people and are very community-minded. You like to work with people. You are faithful and a good employee.

**SOCIAL LIFE** YOU just like parties and any kind of gathering; you are a happy and joyful person who wants to take part in many different activities.

**BUSINESS** Business is something you really have a good grip on; you will receive a lot of praise for your effort. Furthermore you are good at following up transactions and making things happen.

**LOVE** YOU are very romantic and very fond of the opposite sex. Since you are born under the lucky sign of the Pig, you will have a chance to meet the big love of your life.

**PARENTS** YOU have parents who care about you, and your life as child will have been without problems.

**SIBLINGS** YOU can have a good relationship with brothers and sisters, as long as you do not make demands that are difficult for them to swallow.

**CHILDREN** YOU are fond of sex, so you will have many children. Luckily, you understand that your children need much care and love, and you are willing to sacrifice for them if it is needed.

**TRAVEL** YOU just love to travel and long to see what is beyond the great mountains. The trips will take you to far off places you have always dreamed of.

**HEALTH** YOU are strong, but you will probably have some problems with your weight if you are careless. Like most Pigs, you are just fond of food and cannot say no to a delicious meal.

**INVESTMENTS** No matter what you do, you will make money. This is just because you are a fortunate person.

**PROSPECTS** YOU can reckon on a good life full of joy and satisfaction, but you had better not be greedy and get into heavy drinking or you will be in great trouble.

WHAT KIND OF PIG ARE YOU?  
THE WOOD PIG 1935, 1995

This is the Pig in motion; you are kind and nice to be with. But you can be a little bit too quick with what you do and say, so it is important to slow down and take one step at a time. You will have a good life and enjoy success.

THE FIRE PIG 1949, 2007

This is a Pig that stays up on the mountain, a Pig that is wise and intelligent. You prefer to stand on your own feet and are a little bit stubborn. If you show the people around you that you care, then you will have the chance to reach the top.

### THE EARTH PIG 1959, 2019

This is the Pig that spends his time at the Tao temple. You are clever and enterprising, a little bit more spiritual than most. Your life drifts leisurely on, and you are always prepared to help people who are weaker than you are.

### THE METAL PIG 1911, 1971

This is the Pig that stays at the farm. You prefer peace and quiet. You will find a partner with whom you thrive, and life will be wonderful and happy for you. Be careful, however, not to be exploited.

### THE WATER PIG 1923, 1983

This is a Mountain Pig. You are active and stubborn, but at the same time you are wise and clever. If you can only teach yourself to be a little more ambitious, you can expect to be both rich and successful.

## THE PIG IN OTHER YEARS

### How YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RAT

You need to tread warily, for there are a number of pitfalls to look out for. The cash situation requires careful handling. There will be numerous regular bills coming up for payment now. You may find your reserves falling rather drastically. However, a letter received this year should bring good news. Nervous tension will ease this period. You should feel more rested. Advice from people older than yourself should be reassuring. No important financial moves ought to be made during this period.

### HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE Ox

You must try to avoid listening in on a conversation not meant to be overheard. You only upset yourself knowing more than is necessary or wise. You can surely get burned reading mail sent to another family member. What you do not know is not going to hurt you now. Stick with routine as usual, and this time will be wonderful for you. Mental agility can be combined with physical exertion to produce exceptional results. Do what you can to increase your knowledge in areas that could earn you more money later. Younger people born under this sign who are unhappy in their work should look around for other ways to earn a living.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE TIGER**

This year can be used for catching up with tasks you have neglected. Though you have had a fairly busy time last year, you will still have to sort out things that have left behind. Romance will contain no problems either. Your love life may not be very exciting at the moment, but you will be grateful for making your present relationship secure. Now it is time to hold spending within reasonable limits. Resist the urge to buy on impulse, especially from a catalog, over the phone or from the internet.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT**

This is the time to concentrate on self-improvement, particularly development of the artistic side of your nature. Sign up to take a class, or take a book out of the library to learn more on the technical side. Creativity needs to be combined with advancing skills in order to please yourself and make an impact on the audience you hope to reach. This year is full of interesting activities, and you will gain more if you put more efforts into your education.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE HORSE**

Avoid wasting time and energy this year, as you will need all your strength for a potentially exhausting business trip. Get off the beaten track. Get things done. Your boss will appreciate your aggressive attitude in order to pull in a contract. Matters related to people and places abroad will be uppermost in your mind. Good news from overseas can be expected. If you are involved in the travel industry, you can expect to have a successful and profitable time. Those about to embark on a protracted trip have chosen a good time for doing so.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE GOAT**

The traveling aspect is still prominent, although this year it favors those making short trips. Commercial travelers and representatives will have a profitable time without journeying too far afield. The housewife will find bargains close to home. Romance could also be found while traveling. Do not take promises too seriously this year, especially if they are made by someone with whom you are romantically involved. Superiors are also prone to making promises they are unable to keep. Trust only yourself. Lending money will lead to problems.



**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY**

Pay more attention to what is happening in your personal life, as this will have a bearing on your career throughout the year. Partners may seem happy but they are hiding something from you. This year you should attempt to sort out any family differences that have arisen. Foreign affairs require attention, preferably in person. Try to arrange to travel in order to find out personally what is going on. Information from a distant source is likely to be biased, you are going to be told what someone thinks you want to hear. An onsite visit clarifies the situation for you.

**HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER**

Meet people halfway and seek compromise solutions wherever possible this year. You will not get very far if you try to go it alone all the time. This is the right time to think about the future. Pay attention to matters of security. Invest in your own future rather than splurging on impulse buys. This is also an excellent period for all romantic matters. You are clearly able to let your partner know how you feel concerning just about any aspect of life and have more than enough cheek to carry out a daring personal plan. When you need support, you should find that it is ready and waiting in the wings. This is a period to act and get things done.

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#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN THE YEAR OF THE DOG**

This is another busy year, but do make certain that you know what is expected of you in advance. Nobody can really tell you how you should behave at the moment, even if that is exactly what most individuals seem to be doing. A new attitude to an old problem can help you out to sort out things in the right manner.

#### **HOW YOU WILL FARE IN YOUR OWN YEAR**

Do not be at all reluctant to think big because there is every chance right now that you can make your most grandiose schemes pay off at this time. The reaction of people in your vicinity is extraordinary and leads you to believe that you have it in you to get away with almost anything that occurs to you. Things will be still looking good, though will probably be slowing down just a little. Now you should turn your attention, and your planning, towards your personal life, which looks more exciting than it has done for ages. Remove any obstacles from your personal path quickly.

FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE PIG  
Woody Allen, Julie Andrews, Fred Astaire,  
Lucille Ball, Humphrey Bogart, Chiang Kai  
Shek, Hillary Clinton, Glenn Close, Oliver  
Cromwell, Sheena Easton, Barry Gibb, Alfred  
Hitchcock, Elton John, Carl Gustav Jung,  
Henry Kissinger, Kevin Kline, Lee Kuan  
Yew, Jerry Lee Lewis, Dudley Moore, John  
Mortimer, Ronald Reagan, Lee Remick,  
Ginger Rogers, Albert Schweitzer, Arnold  
Schwarzenegger, Steven Spielberg, Emma  
Thompson, Dolly Yang, the Duchess of York.

## HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR PARTNER

SELECTING THE RIGHT PARTNER REQUIRES A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF CHINESE ASTROLOGY AND THE ELEMENTS WHICH INFLUENCE THE DATES OF BIRTH OF THE COUPLE. THE GOLDEN RULE IS THAT, GENERALLY SPEAKING, AN AGE GAP OF FOUR, EIGHT OR TWELVE YEARS WILL MEAN A RELATIONSHIP WILL WORK WELL. CONVERSELY, THREE, SIX AND NINE YEARS BETWEEN EACH PARTNER WILL INDICATE DIFFICULTIES AND DISAPPOINTMENT. NEVERTHELESS, IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN THAT SITUATION AND YOU ARE BOTH AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS, YOU CAN CONSCIOUSLY WORK THEM OUT AND BE HAPPY.

### THE ANIMAL SIGNS

**THE RAT** You will have interesting and stable relationships with the Dragon, the Monkey, the Snake and, in particular, the Ox. There will be good communication between you and mutual love and respect. You must stay away from the Rabbit and the Horse, who always fight against you.

**THE Ox** Your ideal partner is the Rooster. The Snake, the Rat, the Rabbit and the Pig also work well with you. Stay away from the Tiger or the Goat as they just bring you their problems.

**THE TIGER** YOU like spending your time with the Horse or the Dog and you have a very stormy relationship with the Dragon. Watch out for the Ox, the Snake and the Monkey, who will tease you and are problematic. However, the Pig will give you strength and joy.

**THE RABBIT** The Rabbit suits the Goat or the Dog. You will enjoy a harmonious relationship with the Pig or the Ox. However, anyone born in the sign of the Rooster or the Snake will provoke you and it would be wise to keep away from them.

**THE DRAGON** YOU will find much joy and luck with the Rat, the Rooster and the Monkey who you find attractive and charming. The male Dragon is very attracted to the female Snake. Avoid the pessimistic Dog or the angry Tiger and you will be safe.

**THE SNAKE** YOU will be happy with the Ox or the Rooster. But you will find it difficult to understand the Tiger, the Rabbit or the Pig. A partnership between you and a Snake will be especially difficult.

**THE HORSE** YOU should make your relationship with a Goat, a Tiger or a Dog. The Pig will also be a good match as you have a lot of things in common. Keep away from the Rat or the Rooster as they will be problematic for you.

**THE GOAT** YOU can settle down with a Rabbit, a Pig or a Horse. But a relationship with a Dog will make you worry all the time. You can find harmony with a Pig, who will make you feel positive and whose company you will enjoy.

**THE MONKEY** YOU find the Dragon and the Rat very attractive and it might even be love at first sight with either of them. Keep out of the reach of the claws of the Tiger and the poisonous teeth of the Snake. All hell breaks loose if you are careless around them.

**THE ROOSTER** YOU fancy the Ox or the Snake, but a relationship with the Dragon brings security in life. It will be hard to spend time with the Rabbit, the Horse and particularly the Rat, who you will find smooth-tongued and dishonest.

**THE DOG** YOU may find harmony and joy with the Rabbit, but you should really choose the Tiger or the Horse for a long-term relationship. But the future is fraught with problems and doesn't look promising with a Dragon or a Goat. Otherwise, make an alliance with a Pig for a relationship that will be very fruitful.

**THE PIG** You think the Rabbit, the Horse or the Goat are good companions, but you should choose the Goat among these signs, as it always knows how to treat a Pig. In contrast, you should avoid the poisonous teeth of the Snake, as your life will be turned totally upside down.



### **A NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR**

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